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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's OK. No worries. You don't have to be bashful if you are addicted to your iPhone or Blackberry. Most people these days are. And it's become such a resource in everyday lives (though I don't have either), that information is no longer being absorbed through just computers and newspapers.

To say that technology has advanced astronomically in the past 15 years, even the past decade, would be an understatement. Does anyone remember the pager?

To adhere to these changing times, you must follow. So, the Office of Print and Digital Communications, spearheaded by Executive Director Kas Carey, has officially taken this magazine to a new level. Through our new video features and online capabilities, which will extend the coverage of our cover and feature stories and the interactive focus of the magazine on our Web site (www.sjcny.edu), the *St. Joseph's College Magazine* truly has been brought to life.

"It's critical that we stay current in our pursuit to communicate with our audience," Ms. Carey said. "Although our readership is more than 25,000, we realize that we can increase this number by offering a digital and interactive version of the magazine as well. More and more people get their news online and we need to stay in step with this approach."

"In this issue we have added an 'SJC webisode' feature that will be available online. Our goal is to produce one or two per issue and these webisodes will be an extension of the magazine's feature stories."

Our first video feature presents the cover story, which was written by budding scribe Mary Kate Mahoney and chronicled the rise and success of the ACES program at the Brooklyn Campus.

Her story was visually documented and can be viewed easily by visiting www.sjcny.edu/magazine. There, you will meet ACES Director Mik Larson, a few students and a successful alumna, each giving viewers a visual presence of who they are while detailing the program's intricacies.

Next, we have also enhanced the way you can read our magazine online. By going to the magazine section of

the Web site, you can now view each issue with a new, and quite neat page-flipping feature that makes it feel like you're reading a hard copy. Each story can be zoomed in for better viewing, and further details are described in Web Application Developer Justin Hansen's Web Spotlight column on the inside back cover of this issue.

We truly hope you enjoy these new features and the direction of our new focus. We know we do.

"This new approach will allow us to take a step toward 'going green' while we drive our audience to the college's Web site, where they can experience, first hand, all the great things that are happening at St. Joseph's College," Ms. Carey said.



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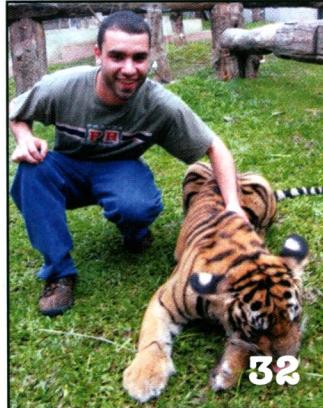
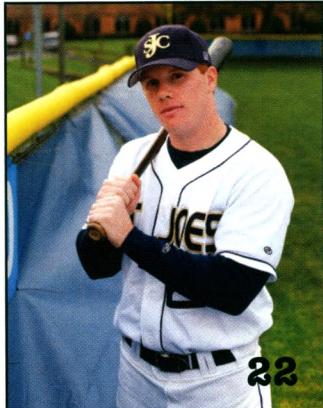
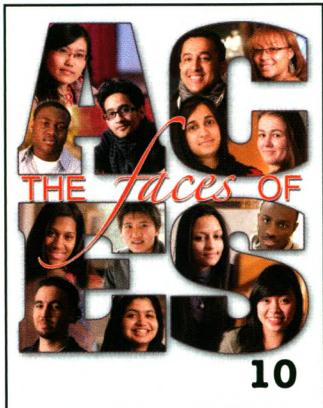
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Turning 75: Dillon Center Hits Milestone



The Dillon Child Study Center celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2009. An event is planned for May 13 to honor the milestone (pictured: Joan Costa Davis '57).

Back when S. Margaret Louise Shea was director of the Dillon Child Study Center, there was limited space with the center nestled into Tuohy Hall. The center offered just three programs.

Times have changed since.

The Dillon Center turned 75 in 2009 and it is still considered one of the best childhood education programs in the area, also serving as training ground for child study students. The College will hold its official celebration on May 13.

"It's a major milestone," current Dillon Center Director Dr. Susan Straut Collard said. "It's hard to believe that it has been open for 75 years and has serviced thousands of children."

Looking back, there is plenty to celebrate. Through the administration and S. Margaret's vision, the center went from holding classes for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and kindergarten-aged children to offering an assortment of programs.

The center, which was one of the first laboratory preschools on the

East Coast and moved into its own building on Vanderbilt Avenue in 1968, added two major components to its curriculum. An inclusion class was developed for special-needs children. And a toddler program, which serves as a feeder for its kindergarten program, was added in 1986.

New initiatives include an after-school, music, yoga and optional lunch programs. There's also a class-parent program, where parents become involved by volunteering on trips. It also offers speech occupational therapy services.

But mostly, the center still prides itself in teaching a child-centered education that uses a play approach.

"I'm excited that a model of what we call child-centered education is alive, well, strong and an influence in the field of early childhood," said S. Helen Kearney, the center's director from 1980 to 2004. "I would always like to see that this model stay strong and really be a strong influence on the college student's learning about teaching." ■

Gwen Ifill: A Time of Change

The changing political landscape was up for debate at the College's Sixth Annual Presidential Lecture Series in October. Gwen Ifill, moderator and managing editor of *Washington Week* and senior correspondent for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, presented her lecture, "Politics, Policy and Reality: What's Really Going on in Washington."

The D'Ecclesiis Auditorium was filled to capacity as the topical lecture garnered enthusiasm from the College community. Ms. Ifill spoke at length about her journalism career and the experiences that led to her interest in politics.

"I probably became a political junkie and began to understand how it could affect my life back in 1972, when Shirley Chisholm ran for president," Ms. Ifill said.

"Seeing people who looked like me step up to lead, it taught me about the power of change long before anybody had ever heard about Barack Obama."

It is this power of change that drives the theme of her book, *The*



Robert Amsler

Political journalist Gwen Ifill gave a resounding lecture on the state of politics during the Sixth Annual Presidential Lecture Series in October.

Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama. Writing the book helped Ms. Ifill explore the role of race not just in politics, but in society at large. It is something that citizens need to become more comfortable doing — embracing race, not ignoring it or feigning indifference.

"Why do we want to forget what race [President Obama] is

unless we think it is a negative?" she said. "Is the desire to get to color blindness an effort to get to something neutral or simply an effort to get past a conversation that we just don't want to have?"

"Engaging on race or on any topic that takes us into unfamiliar territory, it can have the power to ennoble." ■

E-Advocacy Initiative Sparked to Help Keep Financial Aid

For the second straight year, New York State has cut the amount of aid that both our students and the College receive directly.

Due to the impact that these cuts will have on SJC's students, the Office of Institutional Advancement launched a new initiative last fall that aims to ensure that SJC students will have the resources they need to work toward their dreams.

Through the use of a campus-wide e-advocacy campaign, students

have e-mailed legislators and outlined how these cuts can disrupt their studies. Last September, more than 100 Brooklyn students spoke with state representatives, highlighting the importance of, and need for, financial aid.

Some told of how the Tuition Assistance Program was the sole factor in being able to afford tuition. One incoming freshman told of how she and her two siblings were all enrolled in college and how financial aid cuts

would force them to drop out. Others simply urged legislators to keep aid at current levels so they could focus on studies rather than tuition.

This winter, the Long Island Campus will hold its first E-Advocacy Day, and another will follow in Brooklyn.

To assist in the effort, visit the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities at www.capwiz.com/cicu/home. ■

A Pilgrimage for Peace



Featuring a veritable potpourri of cultures and languages from seven countries and four continents, a pilgrimage sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph was held last August in Le Puy-en-Velay, France. Long Island Campus Associate Academic Dean S. Suzanne Franck, C.S.J., Ph.D. served as one of the event's hosts and spent much of the summer in France.

Participants came to the French mountain town from the U.S., France, Brazil, Haiti, Senegal, Canada and Italy and ranged in age from 19 to 33. The trip's itinerary was centered around the theme, "Become a Neighbor, Peace Depends on It," and featured an overview of the history of the area and how it was connected to the congregation of St. Joseph.

Pilgrimage walks in Le Puy included visits to the statue of Notre Dame de France and the town square, where many sisters were martyred during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror.

One of the centerpieces of the tour was a visit to the kitchen that served as the first meeting place for the Sisters of St. Joseph. The sisters originated as lacemakers in Le Puy in the mid-17th century and lacemaking is still a main source of income for the town's population.

"When they were first formed as the Sisters of St. Joseph, they literally sat in this little kitchen and made the lace by candlelight," S. Suzanne said.

"It was the first significant place where the Sisters would gather ... to discover the needs of the people in an attempt to meet them."

The Le Puy starting point of the famed St. Jacques de postelle pilgrimage was another part of the experience. Also known as the Way of St. James, the 500-mile journey from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, leads to the site where the patron of Spain's remains are said to be buried.

The group also took a trip to Taizé, an ecumenical community in northwestern France, to engage in a weekend of prayer and communal celebration. Nearly 5,300 young people from around the world were in attendance, most of them living out of tents.

"I kept asking the young people what made it so attractive, because it's very simple and rustic living," S. Suzanne said. "What they said is that, basically, they are accepted by everyone.

"It is amazing how many young people really participate."

In a twist of fate, the pilgrimage was featured in a local French newspaper. S. Suzanne returned from Taizé

and found a newspaper on her bed and saw herself, on the cover, pictured with three other Sisters.

Initially, the paper did not acknowledge the sisters sitting on the ledge of a fountain as anything more than tourists. As soon as the editors were informed of the significance of the pilgrimage, they printed a story and a photograph of the entire group (pictured).

In addition to all of the outdoor activities, all of the participants were asked to come up with an action plan, something that they were to bring back with them and try to implement. S. Suzanne was pleasantly surprised to find that each of the participants took a realistic approach, a sign of their maturity, she said.

One woman from Senegal planned to adopt a baby that had been born out of wedlock so that its mother could finish school. Another man, through a donation from the sisters, had already begun work on a farm cooperative to help provide healthy food sources for people in his community. He plans on expanding so that he can offer employment to young people in his area.

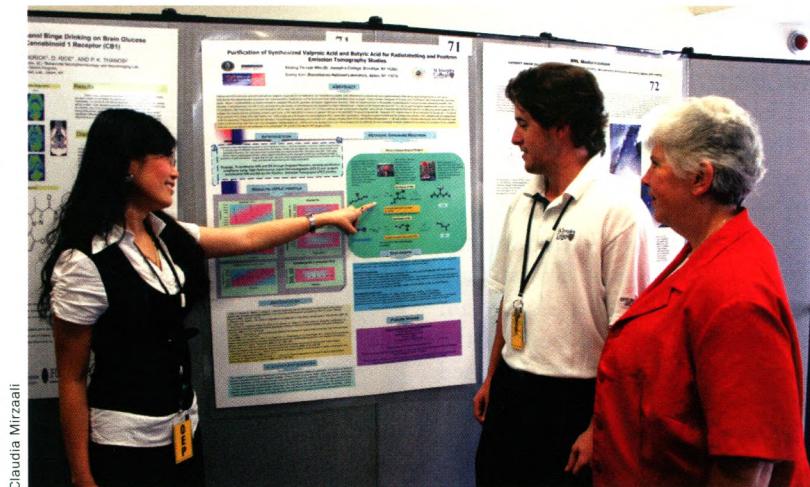
"It wasn't that anybody came up with this grandiose, ridiculous plan," S. Suzanne said. "It was here's what I'm doing and here's how I can make it better."

Ultimately, it was a reflection of the group's overall understanding and acceptance of the pilgrimage's theme.

"They realized that even though there are language differences and cultural differences there are still ways that we can bond and bridge," S. Suzanne said.

"To really be bonded and be a neighbor goes beyond a common language. It's deeper than that." ■

Internships at BNL



Claudia Mirzaali

Brooklyn chemistry student Khaing Win (left) explains her research to fellow SJC intern, L.I. computer information systems major Robert DeMarco (center) and Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science S. Jane Fritz at the 2009 Summer Internship Symposium and Poster Session in August at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Both Ms. Win and Mr. DeMarco participated in the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program.

SJC Visits the Ronald McDonald House



Members of the Brooklyn Student Alumni Association helped at the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park by cooking dishes last May. The group then served the dishes to the families of children that are in Schneider's Children's Hospital.

Back row (l-r): Joelle Etienne, Santia Thermozier and Annabel Merisier. Front (l-r): Beatrice Gaspard, Antonia Green, Alumni Relations Officer Lisa Trinidad, Barbara Caceres '09, Dilruba Ahmed and Alumni Relations Officer Samantha Ryan '06.

A Prime Partnership

Located on the outskirts of Bedford-Stuyvesant, the Dorothy Bennett Mercy Center serves as a safe place for the children of recently arrived immigrants to go after school, a haven in an area bereft of such places.

For St. Joseph's College, it represents a chance for its students to hone their skills and to help children in need.

Through its M.A. in Literacy and Cognition program, SJC has sent its students to the Mercy Center to provide practicum classroom experience. The idea initially followed the Sisters of Mercy Centennial celebration in 1996.

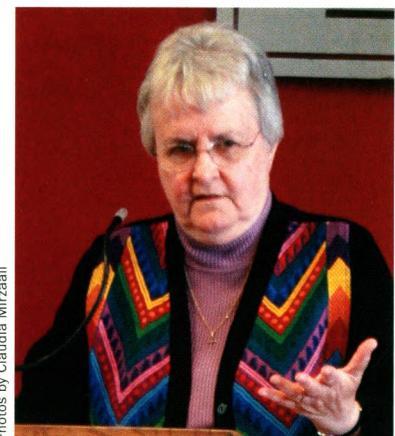
"After the ceremony was over ... I wondered if we could do a bit more about our presence in the community," Mercy Center Director S. Kathleen Quinn said. "The one thing they needed was a safe place for the indigent immigrant children who lived in the area to go after school."

St. Joseph's involvement with the Mercy Center started with the creation of the literacy and cognition master's program in 2005, creating the ideal place for students to gain their practicum experience. This partnership has fast proven popular with both the children and St. Joseph's students.

"For our students, it enables them to apply all of what they have learned in the classroom," Brooklyn Director of the M.A. in Literacy and Cognition program Dr. Esther Berkowitz said.

"The children experience a structured program to develop their English literacy skills, to motivate them, and, most importantly, increase their confidence." ■

SJC Hosts S. Barbara Fiand and Dr. James O'Toole



Photos by Claudia Mirzaali

S. Barbara Fiand, S.N.D. de N., Ph.D.

The Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life provides members of the SJC community with frequent outlets for discussion about religion and spirituality. This fall, the institute presented lectures from two renowned scholars, Dr. James O'Toole, Clough Millennium Chair in History at Boston College, and S. Barbara Fiand, S.N.D. de N., Ph.D. of Loyola University Chicago.

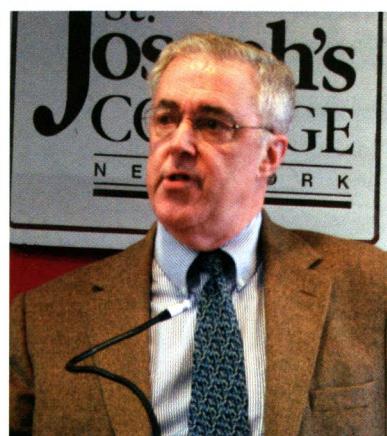
Dr. O'Toole's September presentations at both campuses noted the themes of his most recent book,

The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America. The presentation focused on the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. through the eyes of the laity. "The laity, or the everyman, are those in the congregation," Dr. O'Toole said.

Dr. O'Toole used specific examples of laypeople that have helped bring dramatic changes in the structure and influence of the Catholic Church, and he outlined his two "iron-clad" laws of history, that it is dynamic and contingent — it did not have to turn out the way it did. "Change is always happening," he said, "even when we don't perceive it."

One week after Dr. O'Toole's lecture, S. Barbara presented, "Awe-Filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality," based on her book of the same name.

S. Barbara provided several insights into the relationship between science and religion, notably on how the gap between the two disciplines has faded in recent years. Highlighting various theories of physics, philosophy and mathematics, she described how advances in science



Dr. James O'Toole

made it necessary to perceive God in new ways.

To illustrate this, S. Barbara discussed the concept of light at length, notably that the photon — or the basic unit of light — has no mass and thus does not exist in the physical world. Yet it is present in all of us and a representation of what God is, a field that surrounds us all.

"The field itself is love, more than anything else" she said. "[A] non-visible plenum, something that doesn't fit into an old world view. That is what we call God." ■

New Khatib Chair Lecturer Selected

For the second Dr. Reza and Mrs. Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion, the College tapped Middle East and Islamic societies historian Margot Badran, D. Phil.

Her lecture will be held in Brooklyn at 7:30 p.m. on March 22 in Tuohy Hall and at 7:30 p.m. on April 13 in Long Island's D'Ecclesiis Auditorium.

Dr. Badran, a specialist in gender studies, has extensive experience,

ranging from her initial teaching fellowship with the University of Cairo in 1962-1963 to a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in 2008-2009.

The current fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a senior fellow at the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University has written several books, including her most recent, *Feminism in Islam: Secular and Religious Convergences*.

Dr. Badran, who received a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University, also authored *Feminism Beyond East and West: New Gender Talk and Practice in Global Islam* and she writes about feminism and gender for the *Al-Ahram Weekly* in Cairo.

She previously was the Edith Kreeger Wolf Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Religion and preceptor at the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa at Northwestern University. ■

Margaret Jennings Heads to Boston College

While Margaret Jennings, Ph.D. is now considered professor emeritus of English, she is hardly retired.

Dr. Jennings, who began teaching at St. Joseph's more than 35 years ago, recently accepted the Joseph Chair in Catholic Theology at Boston College.

Dr. Jennings described her responsibilities at BC, which include giving six public lectures and teaching a graduate course, as a "workout."

In the upcoming spring semester, she will teach *From Precept to Preacher to Pew: The Theological Development of the Medieval Popular Sermon*.

SJC English Professor Louise Rose, Dr. Jennings' colleague since 1969, recalled how her spirit never wavered in more than three decades.

"I do remember Margaret when she arrived ... exactly the way she is now, so full of energy that a person could get exhausted just speaking with her," Ms. Rose said. "Bad times didn't faze her, and good times delighted her. She had a great capacity for enjoyment, which is why students always liked her so much."

Dr. Jennings certainly made an impact on all of her students. She was delighted to make a struggling student a great student, and a great student an excellent student.

Dr. Anne Mulligan '75 said, "I can recall her colorful personality, her passion for literature, and her love for and enjoyment of life. Her enthusiasm, humor and genius sparked the careers of many English majors, myself included."

With the exception of a few cassette and online courses, Dr. Jennings' days of being a full-time faculty member at the College have ended.

Nonetheless, there is no doubt her passion and dedication have left an indelible mark on St. Joseph's.

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been taught by Margaret know how truly blessed we are," Dr. Mulligan said. ■

Welcome Home: SJC Hosts Troops' Return to the U.S.



Chadri Chinlai

S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. received an American flag from Lt. Col. Albert J. Ricci during a ceremony that welcomed home troops of the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation in September at the Long Island Campus. The flag went with the troops to Iraq after leaving SJC in June of 2008.



S. Miriam Honora Corr, C.S.J., Ed.D. received the Charles C. Mackey Jr. Excellence in Service Leadership Award at the NYACTE/NYSATE Conference.

The College welcomed faculty members **Raymond Betances** (BK, business administration), **Jeremy Cash** (BK, recreation and leisure studies), **Bianca de Mattia** (BK, McEntegart Library), **Dr. Cynthia Jacunski** (L.I., child study), **Dr. Joseph Pascarella** (BK, criminal justice), **Dr. Shawn Robertson** (L.I., child study), **William Trevino** (BK, communication studies), **Dr. Benedick Turner** (BK, English) and **Dr. Fernando Velasquez** (L.I., modern languages).

BIOLOGY

Dr. Michael Hanophy presented, "Measuring Biofilm Development Using Two-Dimensional Imaging" at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Microbiologists for Physiology, Ecology and Taxonomy (NEMPET). Dr. Hanophy also published, "Karyotype Analysis in the Digital Age" in *The Science Teachers Bulletin*.

CHILD STUDY

Edgar Daniels received the Smithtown Teacher Center's Teacher Learning Community Inspirational Leader Award.

Dr. Mary Fritz and the Department of Child Study was recognized by the Early Years Institute's *Windows of Opportunity: A Look at Pre-K on Long Island* issue.

Katherine Granelli received an Ed.D. in Literacy Studies from Hofstra University.

Dr. Karen Russo conducted, "Dynamic Differentiation: Strength-Based Strategies for Students Who Learn Differently," and, "Moving At-Risk Learners to Success," at the 18th Annual World Congress on Learning Disabilities: A Global Voice of Hope.

Drs. Joan Silver and Renee White-Clark presented, "Most Wanted: Collaborative educators to meet the special needs of CLDE learners," at the International Association of Special Education conference in Alicante, Spain.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Lisa Tafuto Docherty presented, "Sequential Analyses as a Means for Understanding How Mexican-Heritage Mothers and Infants Collaborate and Communicate," at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Conference.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. Charles Klahm presented, "Police Use of Force: Rethinking the Last Fifteen Years," at the 2009 American Society of Criminology Conference.

Dr. Barbara Morrell chaired, "A Call for Legislative Reform in Juvenile Justice Sentencing Laws: A Discussion from Diverse Perspectives," at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

ECONOMICS

Dr. Richard Torz participated at the 2009 Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference in March.

EDUCATION

Dr. Maria DiCarlo and **S. Nancy Gilchrist, Ed.D.** presented their research on the nature and impact of constructivism in the mathematics classroom at the Association of Mathematics Teachers of NYS Summer Institute.

ENGLISH

Dr. Peter Mascuch presented, "Beyond CHINATOWN: Reconsidering Genre Revisionism and the Neo-Noir Detective Cycle of the 60s and 70s," at the Joint Conference of the National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations in New Orleans.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Robert Krug was elected treasurer of the Society for Business Ethics.

HISTORY

Dr. James Blakely presented a paper about the Reformation in Switzerland and its consequences for rural populations at the 16th Century Studies Conference and Society in Geneva.

Dr. Monica Brennan examined the Liam Personal Papers Series (1937-1987) in Wake Forest University's archives as part of her ongoing Irish postal iconography research.

MATHEMATICS/ COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman gave the keynote address at the Kappa Mu Epsilon conference.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr. Maria Isabel Alfonso presented, "El Puente: A New Look at a Forgotten Chapter of Cuban Literary History," at the annual Caribbean Studies Association Conference.

Dr. Antoinette Hertel served as presenter and discussant on the panel, "Rethinking Human Rights: Debat-

ing Current Issues and Looking for Solutions," at the Latin American Studies Association XXVIII International Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

Dr. Maria Montoya, along with former faculty member Karen Brunschwig, conducted a workshop on engaging activities for teaching drama at the annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Dr. Montoya also presented a session, "Mas alla de las candejas: Engaging Activities for Teaching Drama," at the association's annual national conference in Albuquerque, NM.

NURSING

Laurel Janssen Breen was appointed chair of the Public Health Nursing Steering Committee. Ms. Breen made a presentation on integrated curriculum design at Stony Brook University Medical Center's Nurse Educator Retreat.

Lorraine Brown gave the opening address on health literacy and its impact on patient outcomes at the 5th Annual Current Cerebrovascular Modalities Conference.

Barbara Carlstrom earned Reiki Level 1 instructor certification.

Margaret Eckert-Norton presented a poster on her in-progress doctoral dissertation, "Patterns of Self-Care Decision Making in Women of African Descent with Type 2 Diabetes Living in Urban America," at the Society of Rogerian Scholars 2009 Conference.

Dr. Maria Fletcher presented, "The Integration of Ethics and Diversity Education in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs," at the American Public Health Association Convention.

Dr. Tae Sook Kim presented, "The theory of power as knowing partici-

pation in change: A literature review update," at the Conference of the Society of Rogerian Scholars. The paper was also published in *Visions: The Journal of Rogerian Nursing Science*, volume 16.

Dr. Catherine Pearsall presented an information session, "FD Model: Overcoming Attitudinal & Infrastructural Barriers-Enfranchising Remote Faculty," at the 25th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching & Learning in Madison, WI. Dr. Pearsall helped develop this model, which is based on the original research, "Barriers and Strategies Towards the Implementation of a Full-Time Faculty-at-a-Distance Nurse Educator."

Dr. Barbara Sands, Dr. Florence Jerdan and Ms. Breen have earned Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) designation.

Dr. Boas Yu completed a family nurse practitioner post-master's certificate program in 2008 and was recently recertified as a Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist (GCNS-BC) until 2014. Dr. Yu also completed a certificate in South Korea in teaching Maum Meditation.

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Stanley Nevins published a chapter, "The Call of the Other: A Levinasian Approach" in *Doing More with Life: Connecting Christian Higher Education to a Call for Service*.

Dr. Wendy Turgeon presented, "The Geography of Childhood," at the Fifth Global Conference on Creative Engagements-Thinking with Children at Mansfield College, Oxford.

PSYCHOLOGY

Michelle Cangelosi received a Ph.D. in School Psychology from St. John's University.

Dr. Peter Lin gave the presentation, "Disaster Mental Health," at the Tzu Chi (compassion relief) International Medical Association annual conference. He also did humanitarian work in the Jiangxi province of China and gave a speech on surviving the financial crisis at the Dharma Drum Mountain Organization.

Dr. Dominique Treboux helped publish, "Parental divorce and adult children's attachment representations and marital status," a research article in *Attachment and Human Development*.

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Robin Lombardo's biography was included in *Who's Who in the World's 110th-anniversary edition*.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

S. Suzanne Franck, C.S.J., Ph.D. served as co-convenor of a session, "Catholic Theology and Global Warming," at the Catholic Theological Society of America Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

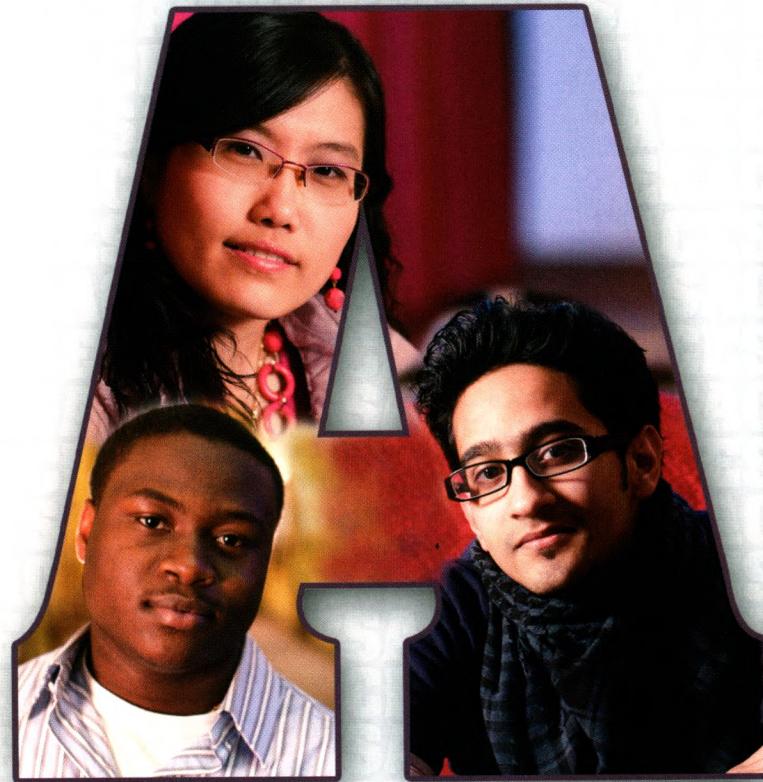
Dr. Julia Rothenberg presented, "Between Affirmation and Critique: Abstract Expressionism and the Cold War Politics," at the annual American Sociological Association meeting in San Francisco.

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Dean of Students **Dr. Susan Hudec**'s dissertation was cited in *How College Affects Students*, second edition.

The Office of Career Development, Wellness and Disability Services promoted **Frank LaTerra** to executive director and welcomed **Jennifer Sarnicola '04**, assistant director of disability services, **Laurie McArdle**, assistant to the director and **Kevin Gill** as counselor. ■

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by Mary Kate Mahoney

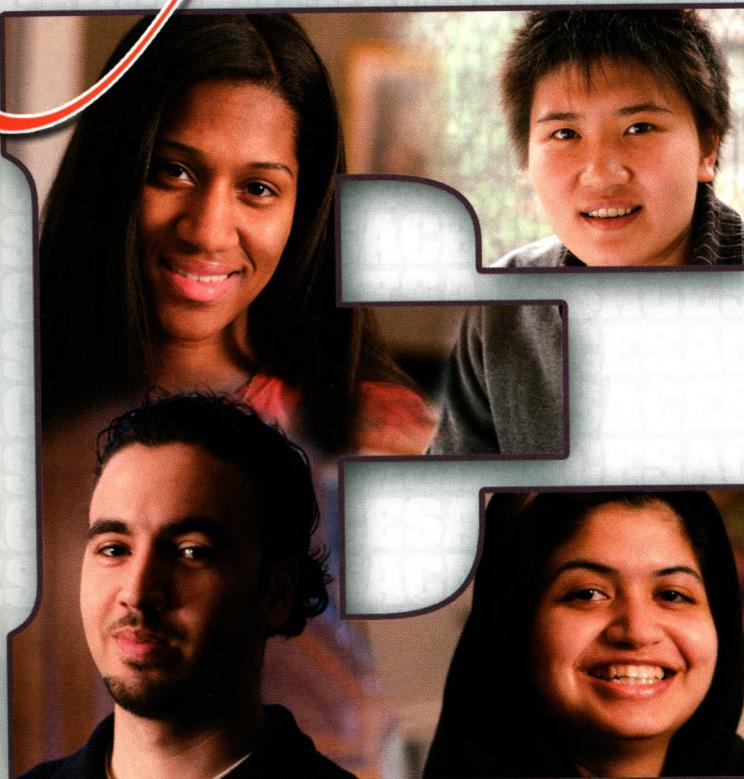
St. Joseph's College can be defined in many ways. Its liberal arts tradition, caring faculty, affordable tuition and metropolitan location stand out. But the College's most defining feature has always been the diverse group of students who walk the halls, fill the classrooms and have carried the College's tradition on long after graduation.

This diversity is apparent at the Brooklyn Campus, where its proximity to Manhattan makes it attractive to students from various backgrounds. Although this may seem like a significant mix, there was one population

that, until eight years ago, the College had overlooked — recent immigrants.

SJC turned to that population's younger members with the ACES program, a diversity initiative that recruits recent immigrant students into a full-year intensive freshman English course. While those students may struggle with a language barrier and college life prior to the class, they almost always succeed after its completion. One graduate is currently in medical school at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Another is pursuing her doctorate in microbiology at the University of

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Pennsylvania and another is preparing to take the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam. Each are continuing evidence of SJC's thriving program.

"The ACES program does an outstanding job of enabling gifted students who are recent immigrants to this country to deal with the complex concepts inherent in college-level work," SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. said. "The program helps them to develop better writing skills and oral expression, and thus increases their self-confidence. Many of the graduates of this wonderful program have gone on to pres-

tigious graduate and professional schools, or have attained challenging positions ... and we are very proud of each and every one of them."

Former English Professor Dr. Sydelle Brooks, who served as the program's director until she retired last spring, created the program's structure, starting without any resources or even a workspace, working alone to tutor several immigrant students. It was not long, though, before SJC's generous donors and alumni stepped in to give the program a financial boost.

Initial funding came from a grant donated by the United Parcel Service (UPS). And in 2001, the program received a significant donation from Richard Dunn in honor of his late wife Marygrace Calhoun Dunn '46. Mr. Dunn had asked S. Elizabeth to suggest a contribution in memory of his wife and his \$150,000 gift was used to fund the Marygrace Calhoun Dunn Academic Center, the home of ACES.

"It sounded like the perfect gift for Marygrace to give to the College because she was always helping someone, either one of her five children, or me, or various other people," Mr. Dunn said. "Thus was born the magnificent ACES program."

From there, a second instructor, Mik Larson, was brought on board, and he introduced a unique style of teaching to encourage participation among the students. Mr. Larson's freshman ACES English courses addresses the students' reading and writing skills, helping recent immigrants excel in English.

Revision is also at the core of their curriculum. True for any writer, it allows students to review their work, noting what works and what needs improvement. Each essay is written in three drafts with both peer and professor feedback. When designing the curriculum for his writing class, Mr. Larson designates a theme for each semester, which provides a cohesive flow throughout the term and educates students on relevant topics while making comparisons and discussion about individual assignments more meaningful (recent topics have been climate change, food and how it gets to the table, the Beatles and the Biography Channel).

With the program's basic structure established by 2001, there was only one obstacle remaining — getting students to apply. As often is the case, money is the factor preventing ideal ACES candidates from joining the program, or even attending SJC. Although the College's tuition is one of the lowest for private colleges in the state, it is still more costly than local CUNY schools. And the ACES Grant is offered to all students accepted into the program, generally covering half of the yearly tuition.

"We have to provide an incentive to make them come here instead of a school that would cost very little," Dr. Brooks said. "They are recent immigrants; most of these families struggle, and they struggle greatly. TAP and Pell [Grant] cover more than half [of the cost] for many students, and with the ACES Grant, most of the students can come here and pay close to no tuition."

Mr. Larson, who took over the program last year, added: "These kids need the grant. They wouldn't be able to afford St. Joseph's otherwise."

So, why has the College gone to such lengths to recruit ACES students? One look at the average participant's profile provides the distinct answer. They aren't, as Mr. Larson adamantly states, just students taking extra-help ESL classes. ACES students are high achievers at the top of their class. Several have won presidential scholarships, and many earn a place on the Dean's List each semester.

"When I joined the ACES program, I did not know much about it," senior Saima Jalil said. "Honestly, I was not happy to be in it because I thought I would have to take ESL classes. But it was very different from what I expected."



Richard Dunn and Marygrace Calhoun Dunn '46

Dr. Sydelle Brooks served as the program's director until she retired last spring.



Ms. Jalil is a prime example of an ACES student's success. She is a pre-med biology student, who has been actively involved in campus activities since her freshman year. She has served as secretary and president of the Globe Spotters Club as well as treasurer and president of the Desi Student Association.

Originally from Pakistan, Ms. Jalil immigrated to Canada and eventually came to the United States in 2004. Although her native language is Urdu, with the instruction she received in her ACES class she is now able to write lengthy research papers for her upper-level biology courses, something most native English-speakers couldn't imagine doing. That ability is indicative of the intelligence and motivation most ACES students possess, and most carry it over to their collegiate careers.

Take Viktoriya Syrovatkina '05 for example. A native of Kazakhstan, Ms. Syrovatkina enrolled at St. Joseph's after being in the U.S. for a little more than a year. She said that ACES "really helped me to adjust to both the language and the culture." Now, she's finishing her doctorate in microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania. When deciding between medical school and a Ph.D. program, she turned to Dr. Brooks, whom she called a "mentor."

Mentoring is also done between the program's upper-classmen and freshmen. Mr. Larson said that "the upper-classmen who have really succeeded in the sciences can sometimes come in and in just one or two sessions change the way the freshmen approach studying."

Not only do these students help one another within the ACES community, they use their skills to thrive in their other

classes. Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Chair Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman has always spoken very highly of the ACES students he has encountered.

"Many of the strongest mathematics majors come from the ACES program," he said. "They support one another and help to form a particularly vibrant learning community, which benefits everyone. ACES students tend to be highly motivated. They generally have a clear idea of what they want out of their college education and work very hard to achieve it."

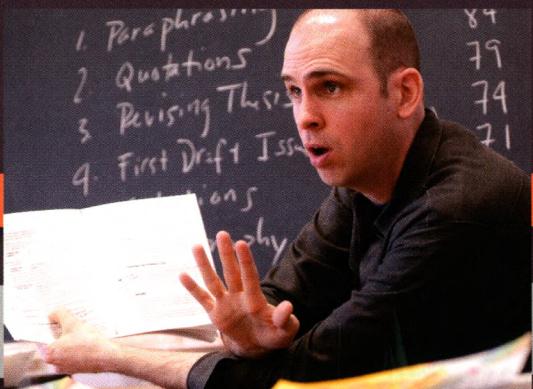
Although they do particularly well in math and science courses, ACES students also excel in courses with large reading and writing components. History Professor Phillip Dehne was "extremely impressed with them as a group," and called them "class leaders," who drive discussions and bring classes alive.

"They tend to be very confident in their abilities, and they're opinionated," he said. "As a professor, I appreciate that."

Most do, and the student's confidence is initially developed in the ACES classroom and then carried throughout their studies.

"[The] ACES program has had a significant impact on my college years," said Khaing Win, a junior chemistry major. "It not only has helped me improve my reading and writing skills, but also has given me more confidence to study and work harder in other classes."

Ms. Win, who immigrated to the U.S. from Myanmar in



Mik Larson introduced a unique style of teaching to encourage participation among the students.

Mik Larson with students in the Marygrace Calhoun Dunn Academic Center



2004, is another ACES star. Besides balancing a full schedule of courses to earn her B.S. in Chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry, she served as a class representative in both her freshman and sophomore year; an orientation leader as well as a certified student leader; co-president of the Science Club and an academic co-chair of the honors program. She also belongs to the Dance Club, Globe Spotters and the SJC Green Committee. Pretty impressive for someone who described her freshman year of high school as “a nightmare” because of her limited English.

Students like Ms. Win and Ms. Jalil have adapted both academically and socially to college life.

“I love [the] ACES program,” said Holly Wang, an international student from China. “The experience was just so great. I even met my best friend.

“Most [of my] friends are from ACES. We spent a whole year together in a small class and we know each other very well. It’s hard to make friends outside the program because you can’t always be with the same person in the same classes. Since I am an introverted person, I would not just sit in the classroom and start talking to a classmate. But ACES provided a good chance for me to make friends.”

Mr. Larson also credits the Globe Spotters Club for building “a bridge to the rest of the College,” inviting other immigrant students and anyone interested in related issues to join the organization.

“There is this greater immigrant and international student community, and Globe Spotters is an outlet for

them,” Mr. Larson said. “It’s a way to bring them all together and then get the American students involved as well.”

Globe Spotters has found success with its forum, in which a roundtable discussion involving students and faculty addresses relevant issues, such as identity, immigration and climate change.

“I joined Globe Spotters because the club represents students from all over the world, and we discuss the problems they face,” said Ms. Jalil, who is the club’s former co-president. “We have had forums and guest speakers talk about issues that concern people everywhere.”

Globe Spotters, which Mr. Larson said does “something that is meaningful, tangible and educational,” has become one of the College’s most active clubs in just four years. And just as Globe Spotters has become a meaningful, tangible and educational presence at SJC, so has the ACES community itself, which has added another dimension to the Brooklyn Campus.

“It would have been a distant dream, five years ago, for our students to have felt comfortable enough to run for class [representative],” Mr. Larson said. “We’ve made a lot of progress.” ■

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Elaine Smythe '52: An Extraordinary Legacy

by Clare Kehoe

In the summer of 2001, we received a letter informing us that an alumna, Elaine Smythe '52, had named the College as the owner and beneficiary of a \$1 million insurance policy. This was exciting news — the largest planned gift in the history of the College.

Since no one was familiar with Ms. Smythe, SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. invited her to lunch so that we could thank her and get to know her.

At the appointed time, Ms. Smythe and her financial adviser met us in S. Elizabeth's office to discuss her very generous gift. For the first time, we met a slender woman with a quiet voice and humble demeanor.

A career elementary school teacher, Ms. Smythe explained that her years at SJC were among her fondest memories, particularly the time she spent at the Dillon Child Study Center. Because she wanted to provide today's students with the same opportunity that she had, Ms. Smythe's gift established The Daniel and Margaret Smythe Endowed Scholarship in memory of her parents.

Over lunch, we learned that she'd retired from teaching kindergarten after 45 years, and enjoyed traveling to China, Egypt, Turkey, all of Europe and most of the United States. Her wanderlust was motivated by her love of photography.



Elaine Smythe's \$4 million gift endowed The Daniel and Margaret Smythe Endowed Scholarship. Ms. Smythe (November 7, 1930 – July 31, 2009) was a career teacher.

Her best friend, Pat McHugh, recalled, "we met in the darkroom of the Carroll Club over 50 years ago and have travelled to photography conventions every year since."

Ms. McHugh added, "Elaine had a passion for the arts and subscribed to the ballet, the opera and the Metropolitan Museum [of Art]. She studied painting at the Horticultural Society, and had a studio in her apartment."

Her alumni pride was second to none and, although she was a modest person, she was thrilled to display her paintings at the Alumni Art Exhibit in 2005.

Gina Caridi, a friend who lived in the same building for decades recalled, "Elaine was very religious and went to Immaculate Concep-

tion Church every day. But, her most admirable quality was that she was the best daughter anyone could want. All her life, Elaine took splendid care of her mother who was also a teacher."

Throughout the years, we enjoyed many lunches with Ms. Smythe, and, to benefit SJC students, she increased the amount of her insurance policy to \$4 million. She was a great friend to St. Joseph's, and we are sorry to report that she passed away on July 31, 2009.

Thanks to her special gift, The Daniel and Margaret Smythe Endowed Scholarship, SJC's child study majors will be eligible to receive scholarship support for many years to come. ■

Sen. Montgomery Secures \$25K for Interactive Smartboards

by Clare Kehoe



Sen. Velmanette Montgomery

Before being elected to the New York State Senate in 1984, Velmanette Montgomery was a teacher, a professor and a day care director. Throughout her long career in public service, she has been recognized for her leadership and commitment to the nursing profession, environmental issues, New York State finance, a fair and equitable criminal justice system and, most

admirably, she has been a staunch advocate for the welfare of children and families statewide.

In recognition of her leadership and achievements, St. Joseph's awarded Sen. Montgomery an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1991.

For as long as she has represented the 18th Senatorial District in Albany, she has been an advocate for higher education and a friend of St. Joseph's College. Throughout the years, she has secured generous grants for projects such as the Smart Classroom Initiative, the Brooklyn Department of Physical Sciences, particularly chemistry, and SJC's institutional computing system.

Most recently, in collaboration with the NYS Conference of Black Senators, Sen. Montgomery obtained funding for a \$25,000 legislative grant for interactive smartboards. SJC's child study and adolescence education faculty have requested this equipment for classrooms for pre-service teachers and graduate students because many school districts already have this technology.

"At St. Joseph's we pride ourselves on training well-prepared teachers who are sought after by principals," said Director of the M.A. in Literacy and Cognition program Esther Berkowitz, Ph.D. "Due to the increasing use of technology in the classroom, especially smartboards, it is imperative that our child study students be exposed to the uses of this technological tool, so that they will be prepared to integrate technology into their teaching."

"Teachers are entering classrooms with students known as Generation V [visual, virtual, versatile] and being prepared to meet the challenges that these students present includes using the technological tools that are available."

Technology is making a significant and positive impact in the education field, and the College depends on this technology to teach, communicate and share information. SJC students are grateful to Sen. Montgomery for her generosity and her commitment to excellence in education. ■

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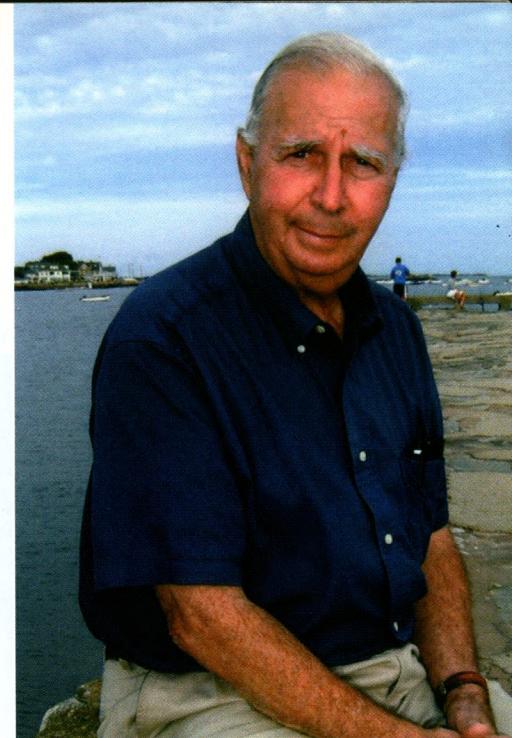
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Barry Gornick '87

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Diane Sherlip: Psychologist of the Year

by Chris Gasiewski



A daily planner is certainly a significant tool in Diane Sherlip's life.

"The hardest part, sometimes, is remembering where I am supposed to be," she says jokingly.

When she's not teaching psychology at both St. Joseph's cam-

puses, she's seeing patients at her private practice in Huntington Village. Sprinkle in her work every Monday at the Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD), and then her work with the Suffolk County Psychological Association (SCPA), where she is currently president elect, Ms. Sherlip's schedule can be easily confused.

Her tireless efforts, though, were rewarded last June when the SCPA honored her as its psychologist of the year. So, how does she maintain this busy lifestyle?

"We all get the same number of hours in a day. It's just a matter of how you choose to use them," Ms. Sherlip said. "The key of being able to do what I do is it doesn't feel like work."

It never has. Since she graduated with her doctorate from Adelphi

University's Gordon F. Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies in 2000, which combined with her B.A. in Psychology from Stony Brook, Ms. Sherlip obtained her license, opened her own practice and began teaching at the College while working with the ACLD. There, she oversees the treatment plans for adults in day treatment and rehabilitation in community settings.

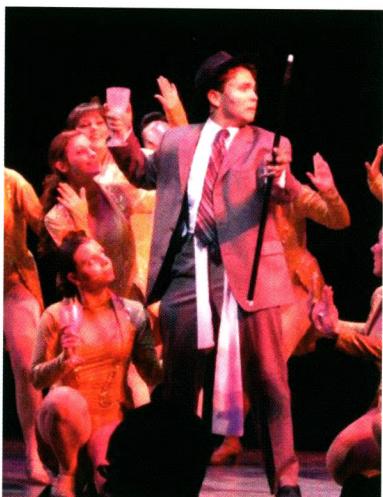
Her work is diverse, which she said helps because she is "always being mentally stimulated."

So, what's her next endeavor?

"I would like to write a book at some point, when I have enough meaningful things to say," she said. "I would love to continue teaching until I can't carry my books in. I find that all so meaningful and gratifying. I love what I do." ■

SJC Junior Stars in The Producers

by Brendan Carey



Versatility is vital in acting, an art where one must understand and portray the nuances of various aspects of the human psyche.

For Daniel Velez, balancing his life as a history major at SJC with a burgeoning career on the stage simply adds another dimension to his ability to adapt.

Mr. Velez played the role of Leo Bloom in *The Producers* for Jeff Samaha Productions at the Richard Perry Theater in Brooklyn from March to April 2009. It was the same role that was made famous on the silver screen by Gene Wilder and, more recently, Matthew Broderick on Broadway.

Landing the role was a huge accomplishment for the SJC junior.

"It was big for me. I was competing with a lot of people older than me," said Mr. Velez, who was the second youngest person in the cast.

"The role is written for someone in their mid-to-late-30s. It was important for me because I was able to prove to the director that a 19-year-old kid could do what I could do."

Mr. Velez began acting in high school, ostensibly to "meet girls," as he put it. He began taking it seriously when he landed the lead in *Death of a Salesman* at 17. The drama, one of the most famous stage productions of all-time, was written by Arthur Miller, Mr. Velez's favorite playwright. It is Mr. Miller's "sense of realism," that is at the crux of his admiration.

"He doesn't have a fluent way of telling the story," he said. "There's not something that you can pre-determine. He seems to specify little

SJC Junior in The Producers (from page 18)

things and somehow he is able to transform those little details into the bigger plot."

Mr. Velez has since played the lead in another regional production of the musical *Urinetown* in Williamsburg, and appeared in the Chapel Players' production of *The Crucible*, another Miller classic, at the Brooklyn Campus in November. *The Crucible* was directed by

Thomas Hoefner '00, who has worked with Mr. Velez several times and saw his performance in *The Producers* last spring.

"Danny is a wonderfully talented actor," Mr. Hoefner said. "I had some reservations about him doing that role because he was young, but he really pulled it off."

Mr. Velez had some reservations of his own. He called per-

forming in front of a packed theater "nerve-racking," but relished the opportunity once he took the stage.

"There were people giving a standing ovation before the play even ended. The reaction from the audience was amazing," he said. "I sort of broke out of character for a moment thinking these people are all applauding me. It's really one of the most wonderful feelings you can get." ■

Slicing Through History

by Chris Gasiewski

Ron Bonanno stopped by the Office of Institutional Advancement in late October to share his thoughts on an exhilarating exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. Beaming several smiles, the Long Island plant assistant spoke passionately of *Art of the Samurai*, an exhibit displaying Japanese arms and armor from 1156–1868.

An avid Japanese sword collector and authenticator, the exhibit was truly fulfilling for Mr. Bonanno. His hobby-turned-obsession began when he was 12, and as his collection grew, so did his knowledge and authenticating ability. Each sword has a signature on the tang (the un-edged piece that is wrapped by the pommel) and his prize is transcribing it.

"A lot of guys do crossword puzzles and stuff like that," said Mr. Bonanno, who began working at SJC five years ago. "This is my crossword puzzle. What does this sword say? I am going to look in the books and find out. That's how I started learning Japanese."

Mr. Bonanno isn't entirely fluent in the language, but he knows enough to help in his research.

He currently owns about 35 swords (he's had as many as 100), including a rare one from the 13th

century and the Magoruku Kanemoto (sword of supreme sharpness). He received his first sword from his uncle, Angelo Bonanno, who brought swords back after two tours during World War II.

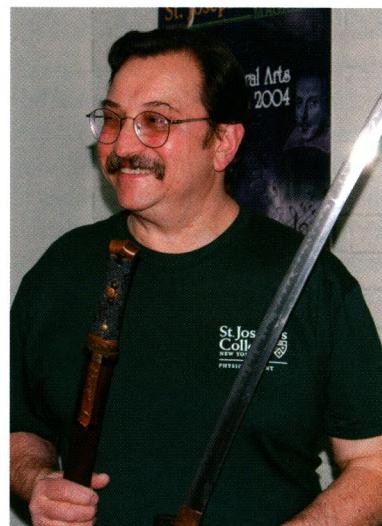
"It turned out to be a nothing sword. But it gave me enough incentive to try to learn more," he said.

After serving in the Marine Corps, a friend introduced Mr. Bonanno to *Primer of Japanese Sword Blades*, a book containing translation tables. And his interest skyrocketed.

"I had a little short one and I broke the signature," Mr. Bonanno said. "I found out that this sword was from the 1500s. I said 'holy mackerel, I have a piece of history here.'"

Mr. Bonanno, who also worked as an electrician and HVAC technician for 34 years at Farmingdale State College, later attended a Japanese sword study group that met in Manhattan once a month. Initially, the meetings were led by Japanese-American artist Bumpei Usui. Mr. Bonanno later became the group's president and he helped increase the club's treasury and membership.

"During that time, I took part in researching swords at Sagamore Hill, helping to categorize a Tsuba [sword guard] collection at the



Maria Stone LaSpina

Brooklyn Museum and aided an investigation of missing swords at the MacArthur Memorial in Virginia," he said.

Five years later, though, Mr. Bonanno stepped down. He still writes for an authenticating newsletter and he performed most of the studies in *Japanese Swords and North American Collections*, a six-book project that will feature three of his swords.

"A friend used to say that I'll never see the light at the end of the tunnel," Mr. Bonanno said. "Now that I'm turning 60, I'm just beginning to see the light." ■

Cuba in Digital

by Brendan Carey



Claudia Mirzaali

Until April 2009, Cuban-Americans were effectively prohibited from returning to their birthplace. Though it had been possible during the 1990s and up until September 11 for Cubans to travel to the island nation through a series of bureaucratic conduits, this process was extremely selective and generally reserved for academics, journalists, amateur athletes and people with government connections.

That is until earlier this year, when the Obama administration amended U.S. policy toward Cuba and lifted travel restrictions for Cubans living in the U.S. Though there is a long way to go until relations have eased to pre-Cold War levels, it was a step in the right direction, said SJC Assistant Spanish Professor and Cuban native María Isabel Alfonso, Ph.D.

“There is a type of apocalyptic vision that we Cubans have when we leave Cuba that we cannot go back,” she said. “You have that feeling that your life stopped and you have to start a new life and that can create trouble because you kind of have to be born again. Now for the first time I feel that the gap is closing.”

Dr. Alfonso came to the United States in July 1995 and settled in Miami. She recently collaborated with journalist and producer Julianne Gage on *Cuba: The Digital Generation*, a video news feature that aired this spring on Telemundo and the NBC affiliate in Miami. The video highlights the ways that technology and the arts have combined to help Cuban-Americans reconnect with their country.

“The whole idea was to stress the fact that we are moving toward a new dialogue between Cubans in the United States and Cubans in Cuba,” Dr. Alfonso said.

Dr. Alfonso appears throughout the video, providing insight on how technological advances have reduced the “psychological embargo,” between the U.S. and Cuba and allowed for a cultural reconnection to develop.

An integral part of this reconnection has been music, with the medium serving as a way for many Cubans in the U.S. to cultivate new relationships with people back home. By using the Internet, musicians are able to collaborate with each other, recording sections of songs and sending them back and forth across the narrow strip of ocean separating Miami and Havana.

Music has always been a driving force in Cuban culture, Dr. Alfonso said, and was a substantial part of her upbringing.

“We didn’t have that focus in technology, we didn’t have computers, we were more dedicated to literature and to music and to research,” she said. “The general environment was very favorable, in favor of arts and communication between people and sharing music. The music was something, the music was always in the air.”

Dr. Alfonso’s mother had originally tried to emigrate in the early days of Fidel Castro’s reign, before she was even born. It took more than 30 years for her case to be reviewed.

“The Clinton administration started to review the immigration cases that had been on hold for a long time,” she said. “We decided to go because the situation was really bad after the Soviet Union collapse.”

The change did not come easy. At the time of her emigration, Dr. Alfonso had just completed her master’s at the University of Havana but could not officially graduate because graduates were expected to pay back their education by working, almost entirely for free, for two years. Because of this, the University of Havana did not hear her dissertation. After some time in the U.S., she was accepted to the Ph.D. program at the University of Miami and received her doctorate in Cuban Literature in 2007.

Upon completing her doctorate, Dr. Alfonso came to New York to teach at St. Joseph’s.

“I had decided to come to New York because it is a great city and I had always admired the cultural life in New York,” she said. Her goal is to bring a new sense of diversity to SJC by providing students a glimpse into something new.

“One of the things that I think I can contribute to the College is the experience of living in a country like Cuba, which is so diverse and so equal,” she said. “I hope that I can bring that here.”

“When they see that I’m not only a Spanish professor or a literature professor, but I’m also a person and I’m sharing these experiences with them. I think they need that. I think they need to open their eyes to other realities.” ■

Found in Translation

by Brendan Carey

It's one of the major selling points for St. Joseph's College's Brooklyn Campus: it's proximity to Manhattan and all it has to offer. Which, in the case of senior Charlette Lopez, happens to be access to an international hub without rival — the United Nations.

Ms. Lopez began an internship at U.N. Radio last January, and was hired part time upon completion. Her duties include translating news reports and interviews into Swahili for broadcast in Africa and on the Internet. That's right, among her many linguistic skills is a fluency in Swahili, a language indigenous to nearly a dozen countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

A native of Kenya, Ms. Lopez is also fluent in English, the Bantu tribal dialect Kikuyu and Luo. The latter, her native tongue, was spoken by her mother "in the house," when she was growing up. Her mother was an environmentalist in Kenya and traveled quite a bit, something that she credits with her polyglotism.

"Having my mother enabled me to learn so many languages," she said. "I am very appreciative to have learned them when I was younger."

Ms. Lopez was taught Swahili and English in school in Kenya before she emigrated to the United States to be with her father, following her mother's death in 2002. At SJC, she picked Spanish as a minor and is well on her way to mastery.

"I'm not there yet, not quite fluent, but I can do it," she said.

It was choosing Spanish that ultimately opened the door for her at the United Nations Headquarters, located on the East River in Midtown Manhattan. Early last year, Ms. Lopez was at the U.N. translating a U.N. Non-



Chadri Chinlai

Government Organization (NGO) briefing into Spanish and approached the moderator of the briefings about landing an internship. Fortunately, she had a unique skill that U.N. Radio producers were interested in.

"They were looking for someone who could help out in Swahili," she said.

The opportunity would not have been possible without SJC's U.N.-NGO student-worker program, a unique offering that was created by Brooklyn Director of Campus Ministry S. Susan Wilcox, C.S.J. in January 2009 to expose select students to the internal operations of what is arguably the most important international organization in the world.

Students of all academic backgrounds are considered for the program, and foreign language skills are not a requirement.

"We see what kind of skills they have that we can use," S. Susan said. "This particular group [in 2009] had foreign language skills, so that is what we utilized."

Since the onset of the internship, Ms. Lopez has been enamored with the inner-workings of the U.N.

"I am learning so much about the U.N. system. It is really interesting just to hear different views from different people working in different organizations," she said.

"I am very privileged to be working there, how they promote peace and human rights in different organizations. It's just amazing to be working in a place like that."

After graduation, Ms. Lopez, a human relations major, hopes to be able to pursue a full-time job at the U.N., a challenging endeavor involving an exam just to qualify for application. Either way, Ms. Lopez looks forward to a career that adheres to the principles she feels the U.N. embodies.

"Hopefully I can go for my master's and work in human rights or international relations," she said. "I always like to travel so knowing different languages will always be a big plus for me." ■

Did you know?

While under judicial jurisdiction of the United States, the United Nations Headquarters is located on international territory.

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Chadri Chinaiai

by Chris Gasiewski

Nike Gerdes dug into the batter's box at Gregg Alfano Field with an intent visage and focus. It was normal for the three-year St. Joseph's (L.I.) baseball captain to feel he had to provide a spark with his team down a run. This, though, was no ordinary outcome.

As he sent a groundball to first base on that chilly afternoon last March, Gerdes sprinted as fast as Usain Bolt down the line. He hit the bag, and the bag unrelentingly fought back, turning and twisting his right ankle.

Withering in pain, Gerdes took a moment before attempting to get off of the field. One thought entered his mind.

"I was like, 'Oh God, not again,'" said Gerdes, an All-American who had already missed all but nine games of the 2007 season with a hand injury. "I tried to walk it off and I stopped halfway back to the dugout. My foot was swelling up."

The diagnosis: torn ligaments; out for the season. Reality: Gerdes endured a rigorous workout regimen and returned four weeks later for the Skyline Conference Tournament, a true testament to his championship-caliber heart.

He's the perfect player, an inexorable force that makes everyone around him better. Coach Randy Caden said, "I wish I could have nine more like him." He'll have to settle for just one, and it's that one that

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might break the program record in hits and runs while leading SJC to that elusive Skyline Conference championship this spring.

"That would be the storybook career," said Gerdes, a senior who was a member of two teams that played for the conference title but lost. "That's what I came here wanting to do. The All-American is great. But when you play sports you want to win a championship."

"I came through this program with [seniors] Ryan Carroll and Mark Cisek. For us to leave here with a championship would be perfect."

Gerdes' path to SJC stardom was far from perfect. The MacArthur High School product and former All-Nassau County shortstop sat for most of his freshman season despite hoping to compete immediately.

"You see it's a whole [different] level," Gerdes said. "You have to pay your dues."

His opportunity finally came during the 2006 Skyline championship game against Centenary College, which now competes in the Colonial States Athletic Association. Gerdes entered the game late and knocked in a run to break a scoreless tie.

That caught Caden's eye and cemented his spot in the lineup. Well, that was until he tore ligaments in his right hand while attempting a swing at Frostburg State University nine games into the next season.

Once he took his batting glove off, his hand ballooned, and so did his disappointment. Caden eventually red-shirted him.

"I didn't want to hear it," Gerdes said of his season-ending injury. "I was depressed, but I stayed in the gym ... I never want to do it again. It was the worst experience of my life because you want to be out there with the guys."

It wasn't long into the offseason when he returned, and he returned mightily.

The following season (2008), he hit .412, including .500 against the nation's top teams, and he had 21 RBI, six doubles and two home runs. His 61 hits and 44 runs tied the SJC single-season record.

Perhaps even more impressive was that he made only three errors in 42 games. It garnered him the third-team All-American nod and the Golden Glove award.

Once Gerdes heard the news of the All-American honor, which is perhaps the biggest for a collegiate athlete, he called his father, Edward, who was bringing his sisters, Katie and Kelly, to a soccer tournament in Virginia. His father and his mother, Maureen, were huge impacts on his playing career and Edward still makes every home game.

"When I called him he was on the road," said Gerdes. "He just started honking the horn saying, 'Oh my God, I can't believe it.'"

Baseball America, a prestigious publication covering the sport, also selected him as a preseason All-American last spring. And while the ankle injury may have prevented him from repeating as All-American, his return certainly gave the team a boost.

"He's a winner. When he's in there, the confidence level just rises," said Caden, who is entering his ninth season at SJC this spring. "It's like having your best pitcher there."

"He's a catalyst. When Michael goes, we go. If Michael has a good day, we usually have a good day."

The good days came frequently last postseason as Gerdes punished Skyline pitching, leading SJC to the conference tournament final against rival Farmingdale State. The Golden Eagles jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the seventh inning. The Rams then rallied and romped, 11-2, which left a bitter taste in Gerdes and the entire team.

"You better believe it. It's an absolute bitter taste," Gerdes said. "Everyone who was on that team knows what it is like to watch another team celebrate a championship. We know what it feels like to stand there and to be so close. Nine outs away and to see it crumble."

"But I have one more year and we plan on getting back there."

Either way, Gerdes remains determined to cap his career with a championship. Will he be hoisting hardware in May? Stay tuned. ■

Long Island Sports Shorts

Lee Honored

Women's soccer coach Joe Lee won his third New York Metro Intercollegiate Soccer Official Association Sportsmanship Award, becoming the only recipient to win it more than once.

Kaitlin Arthurs and Nicole Christensen were named to the All-Skyline Conference second team. Jackie Barbour, Elyse Tomasello and Arthurs were each on the conference's honor roll for SJC (6-12-2 overall, 4-4-1 Skyline).

Women's Tennis Falls

The third-seeded Golden Eagles (10-4, 6-2) beat Farmingdale State College in the Skyline Tournament's

first round, but fell to Bard in a semifinal. Danielle Rufrano and Terri Leonard made the All-Skyline team. Coach Glenn Nathan's squad won the conference's sportsmanship award.

Ranum Co-Champ

Junior Matt Ranum shot a two-round 150, tying Farmingdale's Masanao Maruyama to become Skyline co-champion at the conference golf championship. SJC received the Skyline Sportsmanship Award for the second straight year. Ranum, Chris Manzello (first team) and Matt Dennis (second team) were named All-Skyline.

A 20-Win Season

After earning the second-seed, the women's volleyball team (20-15, 8-1) fell to Sage in a Skyline semifinal. Marwa Elembaby (first team), Shannon Dempsey (first team) and

Melissa O'Connell (second team) were named All-Skyline. O'Connell earned all-tournament honors at three separate competitions.

Tobin Takes Title

Skyline individual champion Kerry Tobin, a sophomore, led SJC to second place at the Skyline Championship. Michelle Petrina (second team), Elyse Patrella (second team), Stephanie Aiello (second team) and Maureen Quinn (second team) each were selected All-Skyline.

Men's X-Country Third

The men's cross country team placed third at the Skyline Championship, led by All-Skyline members Mike Merolle (first team, sixth place) and Eric Haun (second team, eighth place) and Mike Lombardi (second team, 13th place). ■

Men's Soccer Defends Skyline Title; Competes in NCAA Tourney

by Frank Flandina



Senior Adam Rogers headed in a cross pass from freshman Doug Kane in the 81st minute to propel top-seed St. Joseph's over No. 3 Old Westbury, 2-1, in the Skyline Conference championship in November. SJC won the crown for the second straight year, earning the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Led by 2009 Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame inductee coach Gary Smith, the team went undefeated in conference play during the regular season and went 13-9 overall. But the Golden Eagles fell to Hobart, 2-1, in an NCAA opening-round game, ending a great run.

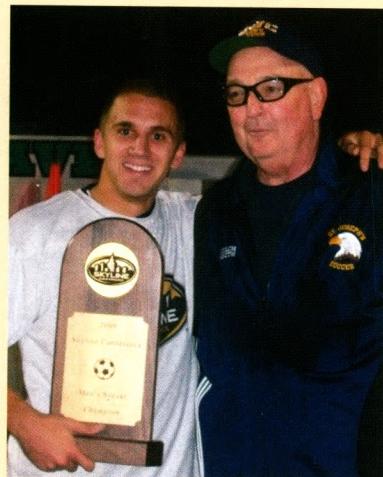
Rogers, a forward who was named Skyline Tournament MVP,

scored both the opening and game-winning goals in SJC's 6-1 Skyline semifinal win over No. 5 NYU-Poly.

The program, which made its maiden voyage into the NCAAs last year, became the seventh SJC team to achieve the feat.

Freshman John Dettori, a forward who led the team with 19 goals and 47 points, was in the top 15 among the national leaders in points, goals and assists per game. He was named Skyline Rookie of the Year and was a first-team All-Skyline selection.

Junior forward Stephan Zaech led the team with 13 assists (12th in Division III), was second in goals (15) and points (43) and was named to the All-Skyline first team. Forward captain K.J. LaBarbera (first team), goalkeeper Mike Dougherty



Skyline MVP Adam Rogers (left) and SJC coach Gary Smith

(first team) and defenseman Mike Carroll (second team) were each selected as All-Skyline. ■

SAAC Performs Community Service at SJC-Sponsored 5K Run

by Joanna Marciniec



In October, SJC joined the Get to the 'Point! 5K run as a sponsor, where 15 members of the new Brooklyn Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) volunteered to contribute to the well-being of the community.

Proceeds went to the support of Greenpoint's youth, specifically the St. Stan's Athletic League, which provides athletic activities each year to more than 300 children.

This year, a record 449 runners finished and 105 children participated, raising more than \$6,000.

SJC athletes from men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball teams and members of the SAAC executive board all participated, with a range of jobs, such as



Brooklyn's Student Athletic Advisory Committee volunteered at the annual Get to the 'Point! 5K run in October. The event, which SJC sponsored, raised more than \$6,000.

assisting registration and check-in, taking photos and helping facilitate the children's dashes.

The SAAC volunteers also

spent the day managing the children's rides as well as organizing one of the water stops on the 3.1-mile course. ■

Lintner Claims Singles Title at Hudson Valley Championships

by Anthony Macapugay



Though she was down in the Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference first singles tennis championship match at the National Tennis Center in October, Jessica Lintner never wavered. And eventually, the 5-foot-7 senior became the first Brooklyn tennis player to win a HVWAC crown, dismissing Sarah Lawrence senior and top-seed Carlie Bentley, 8-7 (7-4), in an eight-game pro-set.

Lintner, the second-seed, may have opened the season losing four straight matches, but she reeled off seven straight victories, including the individual title, and earned a HVWAC All-Conference team selection. Her seven singles wins are the most in a single season in program history.

To get there, Lintner beat New Rochelle's Christine Locke 8-4 in a semifinal, then beat Bentley, which avenged a regular-season loss.

Following her singles match, Lintner and freshman Kristin Bau- man outlasted a New Rochelle team in a doubles semifinal, 8-7 (7-4), but fell in the title match.

Elizabeth Stein notched her second career singles victory with an 8-5 sixth singles win in a semifinal to help SJC finish third. Junior Elizabeth Shea and freshman Patricia Nealon lost 8-7 (7-5) in a second doubles semifinal.

With Lintner the only graduating senior and seven freshmen returning, the Lady Bears hope to carry the momentum of Lintner's title into next season. ■



Jessica Lintner

Dinner Dance Honors Lisa Rose '97

Photos by Robert Amsler



St. Joseph's College and President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., honored Lisa Rose '97 at the 27th Annual Dinner Dance and Monte Carlo Night, which featured casino games and dancing.

Guests danced the November night away and enjoyed casino games at the 27th Annual Dinner Dance and Monte Carlo Night at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

The gala honored SJC Trustee Lisa Rose '97, of Clare Rose, Inc., and its proceeds benefited student scholarship programs.

The event, which was co-chaired by SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. and Clare Rose's Ken Meyer, raised more than \$140,000.

Ms. Rose received the College's Distinguished Citizen and Out-

standing Alumna Award for her longtime service and devotion.

As a former third-generation employee of Clare Rose, Inc., Ms. Rose climbed as high as chief executive officer and president, positions that she held from 2003–2009.

The Rose family name has been synonymous with St. Joseph's since the College opened its Long Island Campus in Patchogue in 1978. The relationship began when Clare Rose, Lisa's grandfather, worked with S. Grace E. Rowland, C.S.J. and provided financial support and guidance to

help open the Clare Rose Playhouse in 1985.

Ms. Rose, a devoted friend of St. Joseph's, has donated many hours raising funds for a number of the community's charities, colleges and the local hospital.

She is currently on the Board of Directors of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital and the Culinary Arts Board at Suffolk County Community College, which also gave her the Hospitality Excellence Award for professionalism, innovation and commitment to culinary education and training in 2003. ■

Save the date

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For more information, please call the Office of Special Events at 631.687.2655 or e-mail Carrie Graf-Behlen '03 at specialevents@sjcny.edu. ■

Where are they now?



A Tribute to Former Student Government Association Presidents

by Brendan Carey and Chris Gasiewski

The Dillon Child Study Center had its 75th anniversary last year, honoring an extensive history of educating Brooklyn's children and SJC's child study students. The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting a celebration for the anniversary on May 13.

Perhaps the biggest moment in the center's past was its move into its current location on Vanderbilt Avenue.

Elaine DeFelice Spataro '68 was there when the first shovels were put in the ground. She remembers it vividly.

"S. Vincent Therese was president then and we all took photos when we were breaking ground," she said. "When I come back and look at it, I remember when this wasn't here. I remember very clearly that we all had shovels and that it was a very momentous occasion. It really is amazing."

Even more remarkable has been her path through the education field. After graduating with a B.A. in History, and serving as Student Government Association president in 1968, Ms. Spataro spent a year teaching at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Brooklyn,

the same school she student-taught at during her senior year at SJC.

She called the experience, "interesting, because, needless to say, I was very young, and I was not very tall. So, most of the kids there were a lot taller than I was."

They were also there a lot longer. Ms. Spataro eventually left FDR after one year to start a family with her husband, Michael. She now has three children, Stephanie (40), Michael (38) and Jennifer (32), and three grandchildren.

But in the late 1980s, when Jennifer was in first grade, Ms. Spataro returned to education as a substitute teacher. What was supposed to be only temporary turned into a fulfilling career teaching global studies and American history at Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn.

"They needed a substitute teacher," Ms. Spataro said. "The principal asked me if I would sub for a few days — those few days turned into never going back home."

"It was unexpected. Two weeks turned into 25 years. It was pretty interesting."

Currently, Ms. Spataro teaches sophomores and seniors, though

she's certified to teach at every grade level. The Advanced Placement (AP) American history course is one of the most interesting classes that she teaches.

She also runs a Saturday workshop through the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History that teaches different aspects of American history.

"Last year, we did American scientists, American poetry, American presidents," she said of the workshop. "I love it. There are no tests so you can explore what they have an interest in. As a history person, you realize that you have the opportunity to teach how to be a citizen in a democracy."

Ms. Spataro's undying passion for history is evident with her every word. It's what keeps her going in education, a field that has also taught her through the years.

"It has taught me that you never stop learning and you never stop learning from your students," she said. "I was very lucky at St. Joseph's and many of us were. It was an opportunity for women to get a super education, and to go into the working world where there weren't many women." ■

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SJC Bicycle Tour Slated for Summer 2010



The Brooklyn Offices of Alumni Relations and Athletics are sponsoring a cross-country cycling tour this summer.

Are you ready for the journey of a lifetime? A challenge unlike any other that you can imagine?

If you answered "yes" to both of those questions, then consider packing your bags and get ready to spend seven weeks this summer with a unique SJC team.

The College will sponsor a cross-country, summertime journey; not by airplane, train or car ... but by bicycle. In what will be one of the most ambitious and far-reaching endeavors SJC has ever undertaken, a group headed by Brooklyn Athletic Director Frank Carbone in conjunction with the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations, will attempt to bicycle from the shores of the West Coast across the entire United States, finishing back home in New York City.

"This trip is a wonderful opportunity for our students and friends to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience, while bringing recognition to St. Joseph's College," SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. said. "I am very grateful to Frank Carbone for organizing and leading this venture, and I am sure that all who participate in any way will be enriched by it."

The two-month journey seeks to accomplish a number of objectives, but its primary goal is to unite the entire SJC com-

munity in a one-of-a-kind endeavor that will help raise funds and generate awareness of the College's happenings.

"We already have the reputation of a small school that is capable of accomplishing great things," Mr. Carbone said. "Now we are striving to take it to the next level, uniting and utilizing the vast SJC network of students, staff and alumni across the USA in this great challenge."

The rigorous journey can take on different forms, involving many people in a variety of ways. Of course, the group will need bicyclists to actually pedal the anticipated 3,500-plus-mile trek, but there are many other ways to get involved: as support-team members, evening overnight hosts, day or stage cyclists, reception organizers, assisting in the fundraising components or simply tracking and cheering their progress along the way.

The trip is still being prepared, including the mapping of the exact route and composition of the core team of riders.

If you want to get involved, or wish to share any ideas, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 718.940.5576 or alumni@sjcny.edu.

Join the SJC cross country cycling team today. ■

Joining the Fight: Darcy Performs Cancer Research

by Chris Gasiewski



Dr. Kathleen Darcy '85

Kathleen Darcy '85, Ph.D. was in the latter stages of her St. Joseph's career when an unexpected and unfortunate event changed her and the profession she pursued.

Her aunt, Mary Linder, developed breast cancer. And everything became clear.

"That solidified things for me," she said. "Even while I was a sophomore and a junior at St. Joe's, I thought I could be a high school science teacher or I could go into medical school. I had good enough grades and was exposed to a lot of options."

Ultimately, there was only one desired option for Dr. Darcy — cancer research. With her newly found passion for attempting to find ways to combat the disease, she embarked on a path that included two postdoctoral research fellowships (one at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center in Toronto and the other at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY) after obtaining her Ph.D. in Molecular Pharmacology and Cancer Therapeutics from the University at Buffalo.

Dr. Darcy was then hired as a cancer scientist in the Department of Phar-

macology and Experimental Therapeutics at Roswell Park in 1998.

"What I liked about Roswell's program was they really wanted to translate what they studied into patient care," she said. "When I was working at the bench [laboratory], you hope that one day this will have a positive impact on patients. What I have realized now is there is a long delay in what can be translated when you are working in lab."

Lab work was indeed Dr. Darcy's true passion. But fate had a different plan for her.

"I went away to a meeting and when I came back I developed asthma," she said. "I went into the lab and I had an asthma attack every day for six months."

So, Dr. Darcy was forced to quit working in the lab in 2000, but she remained optimistic about continuing her research.

"When a door closes, a window opens," she said. "I went back to Roswell and to the only building that didn't have a lab in it. There was a job posting for the Gynecologic Oncology Group [GOG]."

In her position as translational research scientist at GOG, an organization that has more than 6,000 members from more than 400 hospitals in eight different countries, Dr. Darcy is able to combine her expertise from her days as a lab scientist with the statistical portion of cancer research. The organization performs clinical trials on gynecological cancers (cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal and vulvar), seeking more effective treatments and to reduce the side effects resulting from medication.

"Your goal is to improve their outcome and quality of life," said Dr. Darcy, who followed her aunt, Rosemary Ahearn '62, and cousin, Fr. Thomas W. Ahearn '85 to SJC. "One of the ways I help the group is to take

advantage of technology, science and research and incorporate them into their trials.

"We try to engage scientists all around the world with cutting-edge methodologies. We engage them to test specimens on our trials to understand the disease better."

As most who have been impacted by the disease already know, cancer is extremely complicated. Dr. Darcy said that each case should be taken individually due to its extreme differences in cancer cell count.

"Recent studies show that there can be any one kind of solid tumor with hundreds of genetic differences. That's all within a person," Dr. Darcy said. "Hundreds of defects can be different from one patient to the next."

That's where technology has made a significant impact on treating cancer. Dr. Darcy said that studies and projects like the Human Genome Project, which identified the 20,000-25,000 genes in human DNA, have proved beneficial to cancer research.

It sparked the Cancer Genome Atlas Project, which uses genome analysis technologies to study various types of cancer. The GOG donated several cases of ovarian cancer to combine with 250 other cases contributed to the effort. And Dr. Darcy was confident that as technology and funding (President Obama announced \$5 billion in grants in late September for the National Institutes of Health to perform advanced research on several diseases, including cancer) continues to improve, so will treating various cancers.

"Within every year, they are making more significant progress within the cancers," she said. "We have made progress with leukemia, lymphoma. Breast cancer is making tremendous progress. The breast cancer model is a good type to follow and we are going to continue to see progress made." ■

A Passionate Cardiologist

by Michael Banach



Dr. Paul Romanello '79

A successful cardiologist at Lenox Hill Hospital on Manhattan's Upper East side, Dr. Paul Romanello '79 has his own practice, a family and he's even competed in the New York City Marathon. Yet, at the beginning of this journey, one question haunted him: Could a local Queens kid going to a small college get into medical school?

"When I was a kid, we would go to my aunt's house in Canarsie [Brooklyn] for dinner, and we'd see our cousin who was a resident at Downstate Medical Center," he said. "After dinner, everyone would line up with their questions for him, and I was very impressed with how easily he answered them and of how proud everyone was of him."

When it came time for Dr. Romanello to pick a college, he once again looked to his family for inspiration.

"I was talking to my aunt, and she told me about how two of my cousins went to St. Joseph's before it turned co-ed," he said. "They told me of how strong the sciences program was there and urged me to apply."

Accepted with a full scholarship, Dr. Romanello quickly found his goal.

He was challenged by studying medicine and was fully motivated to its extensive and rigorous curriculum. And he attributed his success to his time at St. Joseph's, where he fit right in.

"One of the best things about St. Joseph's was that hard work always led to success," Dr. Romanello said. "What I learned at St. Joseph's prepared me very well for the MCAT entrance exam, and I was accepted to Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse very easily."

While in medical school, Dr. Romanello quickly developed a passion for internal medicine and eventually one of its sub-specialties, cardiology.

"Cardiology was an easy choice for me," he said. "As a resident and a fellow, you are in the position to make an urgent intervention and help someone get better quickly — it was both exciting and rewarding."

He returned to New York City, did his residency training at Lenox Hill

Hospital, and joined the team of which he still is a member. During his first year of practice, he also met his future wife, also a physician, who was rotating through Lenox Hill.

"It was here that I was able to pursue both my academic interests and mentoring and teaching responsibilities," Dr. Romanello said. "During this time, I established myself at Lenox Hill and have been there for the past 20 years, and I am currently a senior partner in a five-person clinical cardiology practice."

When asked what was the biggest challenge that he faced during his career, Dr. Romanello said, "time management. Everything fell into place quickly after St. Joseph's. I found that the biggest challenges came later on when I had to balance being a father, a husband, a physician and a teacher."

Yet, even with 12-hour days, weekend rounds and teaching duties, he still indulges in one love.

"I like to cook, so I usually prepare dinner," Dr. Romanello said. "Even though the kids end up eating a little late, it's important to sit down and eat as a family."

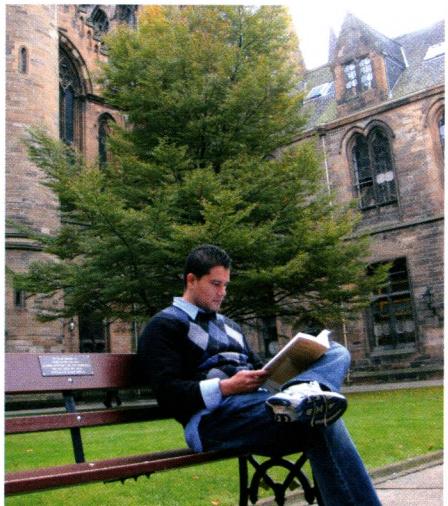
After 30 years, thousands of hours of rounds, running a marathon, saving countless lives and raising a family, it can safely be said that a local Queens kid can not only make it to medical school, but live an exemplary life dedicated to helping others. ■

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Sakamoto Takes a Chance

by Brendan Carey



Hugo Sakamoto '09

It is something that is almost impossible for most people to imagine — moving 11,000 miles around the world at the age of 15, alone. Hugo Sakamoto '09 did exactly that 20 years ago and, though it was trying at times, has never looked back.

Mr. Sakamoto, who is currently pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Glasgow, relocated from Brazil to Japan when he was just 15 because he "needed a change." His family lived on a farm outside the Brazilian capital of Brasilia and "at the time, Brazil was not doing well economically," he said.

"My grandfather mentioned Japan and I thought, 'Yeah, I can go.' And things sort of happened fast. He introduced me to a [travel] agent and got me a ticket and then I was in Japan."

It wasn't his last big move. Mr. Sakamoto moved to New York City in 2001 in hopes of earning a college degree. He lived in Astoria, Queens and attended school at Borough of Manhattan Community College, an extension of the City University of New York, before coming to SJC in 2007. He graduated last May with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Still, nothing compares to the life-altering change he made when he was just 15.

"It was very challenging but it taught me about responsibility and showed me that I can be successful in anything I try," he said of his move to Japan.

The transition wasn't easy, he said. Mr. Sakamoto's father is Japanese, so he had family in Japan, including his older brother. But he lived alone after a month and didn't last long in school. Nonetheless, he persevered.

"I wanted a change and I wanted to help my family. I'm never going to regret the choice that I took. I'll always appreciate when I went to Japan even though it was really hard on me," he said. "Sometimes I didn't have food to eat, sometimes I'd leave money for another day and it was tough. But it was the best experience ever."

He found work on a factory assembly line, eventually working his way up to management positions with various companies, including Canon.

"I worked in factory management. Managed the assembly lines and production, quality control. Did a lot of those

kinds of jobs. Managed staff in production," he said of his work in Japan. "It was a tough and dirty job; it was hard work."

It was that hard work that afforded him the opportunity to begin traveling around the world, something that he credits with changing his outlook on life and ultimately leading him to New York and SJC.

Mr. Sakamoto's most influential excursion was an 18-month trip to South America, during which he spent a year in Peru traveling and learning Spanish. A trip to Bolivia, however, was particularly eye-opening.

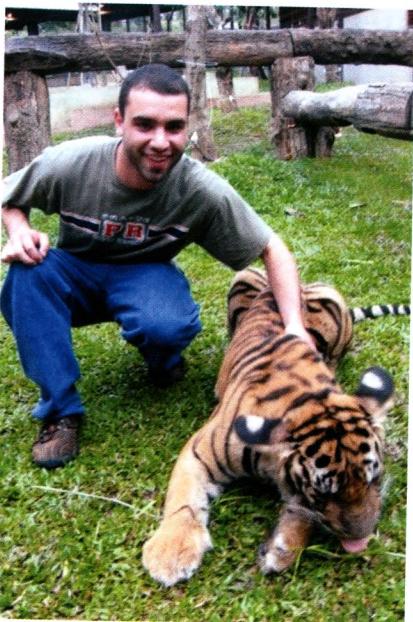
"It was an amazing experience. Especially Bolivia. I crossed Lake Titicaca. To see the difference of a lifestyle that they have. It taught me a lot about life in general," he said.

Mr. Sakamoto moved to Glasgow in September to begin working on his M.B.A. His ultimate goal is to use his education to alleviate economic hardships.

"My dream is to help create a local sustainable economic business plan for underdeveloped countries such as Brazil, where I am from, and continents such as Africa," he said. ■

SJC Alumnus Spreads Peace and Justice Abroad

by Mary Kate Mahoney



Timothy LaRocco '09

Last January, while most students were winding down after final exams and enjoying holiday break, Timothy LaRocco '09 was boarding a plane to South Africa.

No, he was not going on an exotic winter vacation. Mr. LaRocco instead embarked on a four-month humanitarian research effort for the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). There, he joined a research team in Cape Town, investigating human rights laws and U.N. treaty bodies.

He played a significant role on the staff, drafting two policy papers regarding the human rights infrastructure on the African continent. These papers were sent to the head of SAHRC in Johannesburg and later published. They will be presented to the South African government as a reference for domestic policy.

Mr. LaRocco also assisted SAHRC during the April 2009 elections by ensuring voters a free and fair election. Along with a group of volunteers, he processed complaints from individuals

who felt their right to vote was limited or threatened. Mr. LaRocco and his team were quite successful; there were no grievances made in his district.

"It is high risk, but when it works out it makes you a better person," Mr. LaRocco said of the program.

This is not the first experience he has had with humanitarian work abroad. In 2008, he spent the summer volunteering in Thailand. During that trip, he traveled to Burma where the poverty he encountered inspired him to increase his efforts.

The suffering he saw also made Mr. LaRocco reconsider what is important in his own life.

"A lot of people in this country like to complain about insignificant things," he said. "I've seen people in Africa, who go days without eating. So I made a promise to myself to not complain about little problems."

Even though his work is impressive, particularly for someone so young, Mr. LaRocco has still faced critics.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why do you have to go to South Africa to volunteer? There are plenty of people in this country who need help,'" he said.

To these skeptics, he offers this poignant response: "If anybody saw poverty up close like that — 4-year-old kids with their rib cages protruding through their skin — they would know; that's the motivation for me."

Initial support for his ventures came from his time at SJC's Long Island Campus, where he said professors Kenneth Bauzon and Tom Petriano, "really encouraged me to do it." And Mr. LaRocco has kept a close relationship with both since he earned a bachelor's in history with a peace and justice studies minor.

"Tim was very attentive to lectures and discussions, and he asked questions that indicated to me he was really trying to make sense of the political and social reality around him," said Dr.

Bauzon, Mr. LaRocco's former political science professor.

"It was a great experience for me to be able to work with [Tim] and discover his passion for peace and justice and his desire to work for a [Non-Government Organization] after graduation," said Dr. Petriano, the chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

The peace and justice studies minor is a new addition to the religious studies curriculum. The courses cover social justice, issues of war and human rights. So it's no surprise that students who enroll are conscious of the world around them, and as Mr. LaRocco said, "[they] just want to make a difference."

"I have been inspired by the commitment and enthusiasm of these students," Dr. Petriano said. "We can be proud of them all. Tim is one such student whose interests represent a vibrant example of a life characterized not only by civic engagement, but also service, social responsibility and spiritual and intellectual values."

These qualities are the hallmarks of a St. Joseph's College education. And Mr. LaRocco is an alumnus who respects his relationship with the world around him and embraces the responsibilities of citizenship.

He said he plans on making humanitarian work his primary focus. After earning a master's in international relations from the City College of New York, he would like to work for the United Nations as a member of a human rights think tank.

This plan does not surprise Dr. Bauzon.

"Because much of our class discussions centered on issues of justice and morality as they bear on political behavior, Tim couldn't help but crystallize in his mind that he wants, and will pursue, a career around issues of justice and human rights," Dr. Bauzon said. "And I couldn't be more gratified." ■



TOP OF THE CLASS

by Brendan Carey

Whether a hall of fame is in Cooperstown, Toronto, Canton, Springfield or Patchogue, induction is an exclusive honor. Athletes and coaches in a particular class represent the best of their respective eras. Such is the case with the 2009 class of the Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame, inducted at the John A. Danzi Athletic Center in October.

The hall of fame installed five new members celebrated for their role in establishing SJC's viability in Division III athletics. While the inaugural 2008 class was notable for creating the foundation that the Long Island Campus' athletics program has been built on, the 2009 class is comprised of athletes and coaches who were part of the programs that put SJC on the competitive map.

"What differentiates them ... is that these athletes were involved in championship competition," Long Island Director of Athletics Donald Lizak said. "These are some of our first championship teams and players. These are the people who have set the standard for all of the athletes to come after them."

Among them is Gary Smith, coach of the men's soccer team since its inception in 1986. Mr. Smith had a lifetime record of 280-171-21 entering his 24th season this past fall. He instilled a competitive spirit in the program that has

earned them two trips to the NCAA Tournament and two Skyline Conference titles during his tenure.

"To me, the one that sticks out more than any would be Gary," Mr. Lizak said. "He's been in this department longer than any other coach and his record certainly speaks for itself. His program has been a top-notch program almost from the day he started here."

Mr. Smith's 1991 men's soccer team was also inducted. With only two seniors, the '91 team was a force in the NAIA in the program's fifth season, winning the District 31 Championship and narrowly missing a chance to compete in the national tournament.

David Edwards '94 and Bernard Hoyt '95 were the two individual athletes that made the cut in 2009.

Mr. Edwards was a star on the men's tennis and basketball teams and still holds the record for most 3-pointers made in a season (89 in 1991-1992).

Mr. Hoyt was the Most Valuable Player on a very good 1994 baseball team and was the first SJC baseball player to sign a professional contract. He played in the Northeast Professional Baseball League, a class-A independent league, from 1995-1997 and joined the Mortsel Stars in Antwerp, Belgium for a stint in Europe.

The 2001 equestrian team is easily the most unheralded, but equally deserving, of the group. "[They are] probably the best kept secret in SJC athletic history," Mr. Lizak said. "What they managed to do should really be up at the top of the list."

What they managed to do was knock off some of the premiere Division I programs in the region. During the '01 campaign, the Golden Eagles defeated Sacred Heart, Yale, Fairfield and Stony Brook on their way to a regional championship. At the time, they were the only small school in Region 1 other than Fairfield and Stony Brook to win a regional championship since the inception of the International Horse Show Association in 1967.

The induction ceremony is a multi-dimensional event, having become a reunion of sorts for those involved.

"I'm happy that the hall of fame is becoming the tradition we intended it to be," Long Island Director of Alumni Relations Matthew Colson said.

"What's great is that you don't even really need to know the inductees or teams to come down and reunite with old friends and enjoy the affinity we all share, that being the pride of SJC athletics." ■



The Full Spectrum of Education

by Mary Kate Mahoney



Gioia Ortiz '04

Just five years after completing her bachelor's in child study at St. Joseph's, Gioia Ortiz '04 has experienced more educational settings than many teachers do in their entire careers.

Currently working as a therapist for Thursday's Child, a private organization that specializes in early intervention for children with autism, Ms. Ortiz has found the field she loves — helping special needs children and their families.

But it took some experimenting before she made that discovery.

Soon after graduation, Ms. Ortiz took a Board of Education position as a fifth-grade teacher in a Collaborative Team Teaching (CTT) classroom in Brooklyn. CTT is a technique that incorporates two teachers (special and general education) in a classroom, working together to meet the needs of every student.

Although Ms. Ortiz was the general education teacher in the classroom, her special education certification, which is required of all SJC child study majors, helped her work with the special needs students.

Along with teaching full time, she enrolled in a master's program for literacy and considered becoming a reading specialist, but after speaking with another teacher about early intervention therapy, she became interested in helping young children with autism.

Ms. Ortiz researched the New York State Early Intervention Program, a program that provides services to infants and toddlers with disabilities, and she left the classroom after four years of teaching to join Thursday's Child. She also began to pursue a second master's degree at Brooklyn College, this time in school counseling. Her work with special needs children and their families gave her a new perspective.

"I realized that counseling was what I wanted to do," she said.

Following her instincts worked out well. Soon after graduating from Brooklyn College, Ms. Ortiz was hired by a private high school in Staten Island as a freshman counselor.

Counseling and working at Thursday's Child keep her schedule pretty full, but she doesn't plan on slowing anytime soon.

Eventually she wants to open her own private therapy business, combining both of her passions: counseling and early intervention. And Ms. Ortiz credits St. Joseph's for setting her on an ambitious path.

"I really loved St. Joe's," she said. "It pushed me to achieve my goals, and it set the standard for the expectations I have for myself."

She was also inspired by her SJC professors.

"Dr. Susan Straut-Collard really inspired me to go for all my goals. She was someone that I really looked up to," Ms. Ortiz said.

From student, to teacher, to therapist, to counselor and back to student a few times along the way, Ms. Ortiz has always achieved her goals. And if she stays on the same path, she shouldn't have much trouble finding continued success. ■

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1940s

Ruth Drucker sent Class of 1940 news: **Marie Birmingham Ponsot** attended the Spring Luncheon at the University Club in April.

Clare Bauch shared news from the Class of 1945: The family of **Agnes Fennelly Place** is running a marathon in her memory. **Magda Crowe Boylan** celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with her husband, Vince. **Eugenia Urbanek** located an acquaintance living in her community in Ocala, FL. **Betty Dudley** had medical issues and is recovering. **Margaret Jokiel Joyce** spends time with her family in Texas and enjoys her musical position in church. Clare and her sister, **Ann '56**, traveled with alumni to Peru in April.

1950s

Members of the Class of 1951 celebrated their 80th birthdays in Manhattan. **Suzanne Gannon Murphy**, **Rita Dorler Bartscherer**, **Marguerite Fenton**, **Carol McNierney Gant**, **Regina McNierney Collins** and **Nancy Welker Frenze** all attended. Their friendships began in 1947 and are still strong.

Marion Orlando Celenza '53 established an Amazon Web site to sell her four books, *From the Table of Plenty*, *Lunch is in the Bag*, *Menu Log* and *The Poetry of Dogs*. They are available to order at www.amazon.com/shops/Celenza.

1960s

Mary Collins Macchiarola sent Class of 1962 news: **Rosemary McDonald**

Ahern cruised to the Panama Canal with her husband, Tom, in November 2008. She celebrated the birth of her 10th grandchild, William, in December 2008. Rosemary unexpectedly met **Ginny O'Rourke McLaughlin** at a Broadway theater. Ginny, **Pat Sweeney** and **Mary Collins Macchiarola** enjoyed an Irish breakfast at the St. Patrick's Day alumni event at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant last March. Ginny and Pat marched in the parade with the St. Joseph's contingent. Ginny, Pat and Mary were also joined by **Pat Jesinkey Palmer** to attend the Spring Luncheon. During a visit to New Orleans last April, Mary and her husband spent a day working at a Habitat for Humanity restoration site. **Fran Sullivan Brennan** was honored by Providence House at its

Fall Luncheon

Steven Birkeland



The Brooklyn Alumni Executive Board (pictured right) welcomed several members to celebrate the Fall Luncheon at the Harvard Club in October in Manhattan. Pictured left are committee members Clare Collins '69, Barbara Germack '58 (chair), S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. and Bettyanne McDonough '59.

STAYING IN TOUCH

To learn more about alumni activities, serve at an alumni event, reach your class news agent or to update your records, please contact us in the Office of Alumni Relations:

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connected!**

Brooklyn Honors Convocation



Kristen McMaster (left) received the Mary Butz Scholarship at the Brooklyn Honors Convocation. Pictured are Ms. Butz (center), an SJC trustee, and Joan Anderson McMaster '82, Kristen's mother.

Robert Amsler

Oktoberfest: New Location, Same Excitement



The Office of Alumni Relations' 10th annual Oktoberfest celebration featured new digs: the Heartland Brewery Chophouse in Times Square.

anniversary celebration last June. **Claire Lavin O'Regan** hosted a lunch this summer at her Breezy Point home with Rosemary, Fran, Pat, Mary, Ginny and Pat Sweeney. **Peggy La Salle Nicora** and her husband, Bernard, visited Brighton Beach with their church group from New Jersey and met Mary when stopping in Brooklyn Heights. Seven of the Macchiarola grandchildren unveiled the Frank and Mary Macchiarola Academic Center in front of hundreds of friends and associates at St. Francis College. The building, which honored former 12-year president Dr. Frank Macchiarola, houses a library, classrooms and a high-definition TV studio. Mary and Frank also vacationed in Siena, Italy, and Montreal.

Elizabeth Williams Auricchio shared Class of 1963 news: **Kathryn Kiernan**

O'Malley ran an affordable tutoring program for underprivileged children, sponsored by the White Plains Center of Compassion. **Theresa Rochford** spent last winter and spring recovering from a broken calcaneus bone and missed a trip to Greece. She went to Palm Springs last summer. Theresa is currently supervising student teachers for New York University and mentors students starting out in the profession. She also writes poetry and took a poetic imagery course in October. **Anne Millin Schrage**, **Barbara Grace Jones** and **Anne Larkin Wilkins**, along with their husbands, had a mini-reunion at **Anne Wilkin's** house in The Villages, FL. **Anne Millin Schrage** joined a tap dancing group at a senior center in Fort Hamilton that holds classes and entertains at a veterans affairs hospital, in nursing homes and senior centers. **Anna Balsamo Acconi**,

Cathleen Busby, **Deirdre Carlin Ruiz**, **Patricia Corrigan Koppinger**, **Helen Craig Hoefner**, **Angela DeVincenzo Barone**, **Elizabeth Grieco Burns**, **Sheila Halligan Ferguson**, **Mary Hannon Egan**, **Carole Kuklis Oberheim**, **Penelope Madden Moroney**, **Camille Papasodero Coulborn**, **Rita Rochford**, **Theresa Rochford**, **Catherine Sciacca McSweeney**, **Eileen Stutsky Shigo**, **Theresa Vessio Durante**, **Julie-Anne Wanzel Bernroth** and **Margaret Jennings Kilcoyne** attended their Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School 50th graduation reunion in June at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, Queens.

Coralie Seidler McGuire '63 owns Rexcor, a land development company that has built 126 homes. She has traveled to Borneo, Thailand, Hong Kong,

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L.I. Honors Convocation Awards Alumni and Current Students

Richard Slattery



Two graduates received the St. Catherine Medal and a current student was awarded the Thomas J. Wendt '88 Alumni Scholarship at the Long Island Honors Convocation. Pictured left: medal winners Eric Biagi '07 (left) and James Henry '04 (second from right). Pictured right: Senior Joseph Denninger (center) received the Wendt Scholarship. Standing behind Mr. Denninger are Mr. Wendt's mother, Carmela, and sister, Loren Wendt Pusateri, with SJC Trustee Christopher Carroll '88.

Cambodia, Vietnam, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina and is now moving to Tucson, AZ. She has three children.

Patricia McNulty Kushner '64 welcomed a grandson, John Gideon Weiner Cunningham, in July.

Congratulations to **Margaret Penney '64** and T.J. Lea, who were married in May 2009. They live in Iowa.

Denise O'Donnell Trynosky '69 is beginning her 32nd year of early childhood education and teaches pre-kindergarten at Academy of Our Lady. She taught for the New York City Board of Education for eight years. Two of her sons were married in the fall.

1970s

A note from **Amelia Abagnalo Kreitsch '70**: The class of 1970 will celebrate its 40th graduation anniversary at this April's Spring Reunion.

Alicia Szlosowski Batko '74 recently published *Montague* through Arcadia Publishing to commemorate the New Jersey township's 250th anniversary.

Maureen Horan Entwistle '74 lives in Florida with her husband, Thomas. He

is a chiropractor and she owns Orlando Park Tours. Their son, Matt, was married in April 2009.

Bill Gorman '75 received the St. Francis of Xavier Award from Xaverian High School for his 20-year dedication and commitment to the school and the charisms of the Xaverian Brothers.

Thomas M. LaGuidice '75 opened an insurance agency and has membership in the professional agency association. *Insurance Sales Magazine* named him Man of the Year twice and he lives in Richmond Town, NY with his wife, **Carol Donovan LaGuidice '79**. Their son, Michael, is a freshman at the Brooklyn Campus.

1980s

Sadie Lynch Murph '80 has one daughter and four grandchildren. She celebrated her 81st birthday in August.

Thomas Ahern '85, son of **Rosemary McDonald Ahern '62**, celebrated his 15th anniversary of ordination. Fr. Thomas is currently a pastor at St. Augustine Parish in Brooklyn and occasionally at St. Joseph's College.

Lisa DiFiore-Ridolph '85 and her husband, Gary, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in August.

1990s

Matthew Barbis '94 was appointed treasurer of the Alumni Association, Suffolk Chapter. Matthew is a former president.

2000s

Jennifer Henrich Cote '00 and her husband, Thomas, welcomed a son, Thomas Joseph Jr. in August. They live in New Jersey.

Lorraine Trathen Pierro '01 was appointed to a second term as secretary of the Alumni Association, Suffolk Chapter.

Charles D. Tator '02 and his wife, **Daria Liles Tator '03**, welcomed their first child, Kaia Eve, in May.

Loriann Horstman '05 and **James Starr '05** were married in April. They are both technical support representatives. We wish them the best.

Best wishes to **Karen McConnachie '05** and **Vincent B. Massarotti**, who

were married in March. She is a human resources associate for the Family Service League in Huntington. They live in Bay Shore.

Congratulations to **Jessica Shamah '05**, who married George Galgano in May. She is a special education teacher in Dongan Hills. They live in Grant City on Staten Island.

Best of luck to **Michelle Kurz '06** for marrying Scott Cheslak in October. She is pursuing an M.B.A. in Health Care Management at St. Joseph's College. They live in Rocky Point.

Congratulations to **Christen Gang '06** and Thomas Scaloni, who were mar-

ried in March 2009. Christen is a marketing project director for Genactics Inc. in Fort Washington, PA. They live in West Conshohocken.

Bryan Gill '06 was appointed vice president of the Alumni Association, Suffolk Chapter.

Ben Tieniber '06 was appointed president of the Alumni Association, Suffolk Chapter.

John O'Keefe '07 is director of business operations and administration at the Cleary School for the Deaf after working as financial controller at Mercy Home for Children.

Best wishes to **Amanda Beekman '08** for

marrying Tyler Dunagan in October 2009. She is a teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in Charlotte, N.C.

Michelle Steinberg-Gray '08, welcomed a son, Scott Jonathan Gray in August. She lives in Queens.

Best of luck to **Whitney Orton-Howard '08**, who married Matthew Quinn in July. She is an office manager for Anew Marketing Group in Smithtown. They live in Nesconset.

Congratulations to **Marissa Shifrin '08** and Erik Korn, who were married in July 2009. She is a daycare teacher for the Suffolk YJCC in Commack. ■

IN memoriam

The College will hold an Alumni Memorial Mass for the deceased members of St. Joseph's College at 11 a.m. on February 6, 2010 in the Kennedy Chapel in Burns Hall on the Brooklyn Campus. For questions and if you would like to attend, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 718.940.5576 or alumni@sjcny.edu.

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Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin Farrell '35
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Isabel Marie Tyler '35
Kathleen Holland Janson '36
Claire Brennan Suchan '36
Lillian Keenan Hayes '37
Carmela Napoli Loizzo '39
Catherine Iaconis Plante '39
Arleen Andersen Walsh '39
Adele Mulligan Seymour '41
Patricia Loth Burgmyer '42
Regina Cogan Becht '44
Muriel O'Connor Dauscher '44
Annette M. Nolan '44
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Alice Ahrens Fitzgerald '47
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Patricia Stella Lane '58, sister of Barbara Stella Viola '59
Joan Schneider Burns '59
Katherine Hatem Carey '60, sister of Judith Hatem Aboud '64
Patricia Coonerty '70
Mary Margaret Walsh McCann '72
Mary Ann MacKay '99
Sharon Coates '02

Relatives and Friends
Eugene, husband of Eileen Quigley Casey '45
Stephan Ott, son of Eileen McDermott Ott '45 and brother of Kathleen Ott Reemmer '70

Carmen Scala, husband of Concetta Scala '57
Peter, brother of Joan O'Rourke Walsh '59
Sister of Margaret Courtney Gargiulo '67
Kirby Brown, daughter of Virginia Brown '70
Francis McGrath, husband of Betty McCullough McGrath '74
Charles E. Reilly, father of Donald E. Reilly '85
Efrosyna Samocky, mother of Catherine Pearsall '92, associate professor of nursing
Angelina Vacca, grandmother of Jaime Vacca-Hoefner '02 assistant director of co-curricular programs
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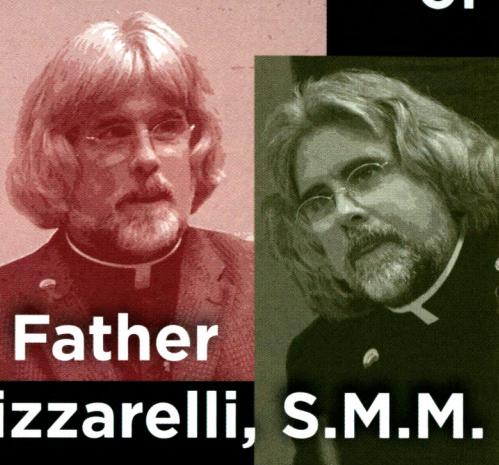
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JANUARY / FEBRUARY

JANUARY

23 - 24

Fairytale Follies (Fractured Fairytales) by April Keough and Tony Walker

11 a.m. and 1 p.m., all tickets \$6

Clare Rose Playhouse, Long Island Campus

27 - March 4

It's Personal: A Juried Exhibition of Brooklyn Artists Under Age 35

Receptions: February 1, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. and February 20, noon – 3 p.m.
Gallery talk: February 24, 12:40 p.m.

Alumni Room Gallery, Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus

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FEBRUARY

25

Seminar: “Careers in Health Care: Today’s Needs and Tomorrow’s Opportunities”

5:30 p.m. workshop; 6:30 p.m. panel discussion

McGann Conference Center, O’Connor Hall, Long Island Campus

6

Mass for Deceased Alumni

Kennedy Chapel, Burns Hall, Brooklyn Campus

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Alumni Hoops Night

Brooklyn Technical High School

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19 - March 7

***Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz**

February 19, 20, 26, 27 and March 5, 6 – 8 p.m.

February 21, 28 and March 7, 3 p.m.

Clare Rose Playhouse, Long Island Campus



M A R C H / A P R I L

MARCH
11

Annual Master's Graduates Networking Dinner
6 p.m., Graziella's Italian Restaurant, Brooklyn
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations

12

Comedy Roast of Fr. Frank Pizzarelli, S.M.M., senior lecturer in humanities
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St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Parade March
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17 - April 28

Art Exhibition: Works of Florence Neal
Alumni Room Gallery, Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus
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18 - 21

***In Acting Shakespeare* by (and starring) James DeVita**
Freely adapted from the play *Acting Shakespeare* by Sir Ian McKellen
March 18, 8 p.m.; March 21, 3 p.m.
Clare Rose Playhouse, Long Island Campus
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22

Dr. Reza and Mrs. Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion lecture
Speaker: Dr. Margot Badran
7:30 p.m., Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus

23

Graduate Management Studies Ninth Annual Networking Dinner
6 p.m., Cu 29 (formerly Collins & Main Restaurant and Lounge), Sayville
Sponsored by the Long Island Office of Alumni Relations

APRIL
8

Alumni Networking Seminar
"Reality check on social networking sites — how they can make or break your career"
6 p.m., McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, Long Island Campus
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Graziella's
PIZZA



APRIL

13 **Dr. Reza and Mrs. Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion lecture**
Speaker: Dr. Margot Badran
7:30 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Long Island Campus

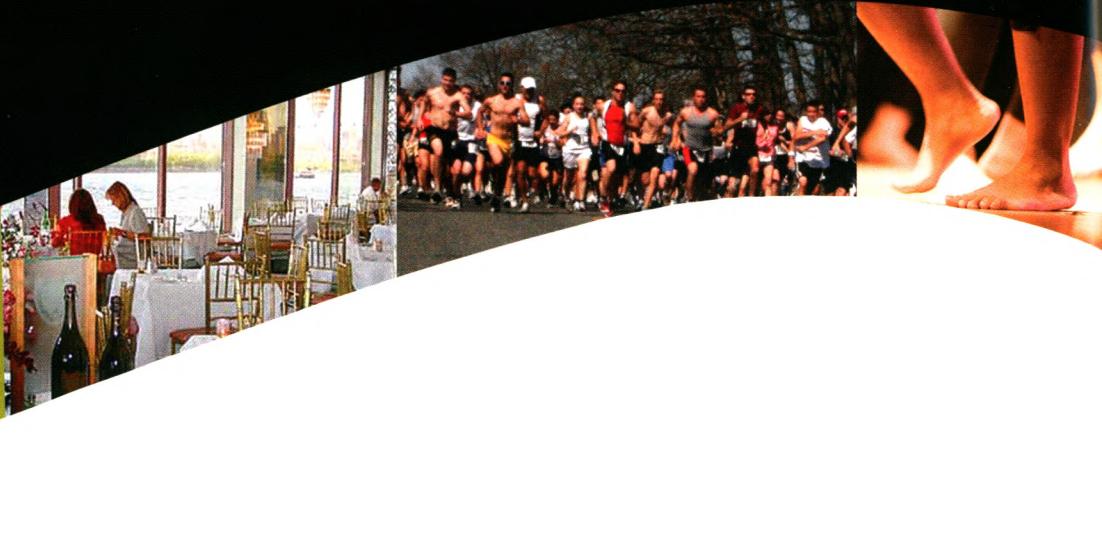
17 **Spring Reunion Mass and Luncheon**
10:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m., cocktails; 12:30 p.m., luncheon
The University Club, Manhattan
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20 **Career Fair for Students and Alumni**
Noon, John A. Danzi Athletic Center, Long Island Campus
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22 **SJC Dance Club presents Spring Dance Concert**
12:40 p.m. and 7 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn Campus
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23 - May 2 ***Boeing, Boeing* by Marc Camoletti**
April 23, 24 and 30 and May 1, 7 and 8, 8 p.m.
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by Justin Hansen

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